

Nester, P. B.

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April 5, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn

My dear Doctor Speer:

With this I am sending you the transportation in compliance with your letter, the cost is \$17.46.

I have not procrastinated in a desire to answer your letter during my illness, and I want you to know that the magnitude of your sweetness overwhelms me with a sense of gratitude difficult of expression.

Under the minstering care of one of the most renowned physicians in Philadelphia, I am rapidly restored to the full flush and vigor of life.

May the coming Easter season provide you and Mrs. Speer with moments of deep exultation.

Cordially yours,

P. B. Nester

Nicholson, Evelyn Filey  
(Mrs. Thomas)

812 SUMMIT AVENUE  
MT. VERNON, IOWA

May 2, 1944

Dr. Robert Speer  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York  
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer,

I have been a long time thanking you for your most helpful message which came after my husband went to the home prepared for him. I am sorry to be so late in thanking you for your words of appreciation of my husband. He was indeed a great and good man. I have had a rare privilege in walking and working by his side these twenty-seven years. It was hard to let him go but I would not call him back to remain a prisoner in a body which would not do his bidding. He is free now to work beside the Master whom he loved.

I am greatly comforted by messages which come from far and near expressing the "indebtedness" of men and women in high places of influence who attribute to him the purposes which have led them into effective service. So his work is not done; it goes

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on through the lives of those whom he has touched.

Most sincerely do I hope that you and Mrs Speer are well and are finding life not too difficult in these strange days. Surely the way is brighter just ahead.

Most sincerely yours,

*Evelyn Riley Nicholson*

Mrs Thomas Nicholson

Noyes, Nora S.

5237 Forbes Street  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Feb. 23, 1944

Doctor Robt. E. Speer  
Salem, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer, -

May I come & see you?  
I have thought that I had a  
special thing to do, but I am  
realizing that I am mistaken,  
and I am writing to you to say  
how heartily sorry I am about  
it all.

In trying at times, in  
my letters, to be brief I think I  
may have seemed ungracious  
and unappreciative, and at other  
times I confess to having been much  
muddled.

I am therefore asking  
your kind assistance in helping  
to end the trouble, which I greatly



regret and if you can find it  
in your heart to do so - to help  
also in correcting it.

I trust that you will  
realize how sincere I am,  
and that you and Mrs. Speer  
will understand how grateful  
I shall be for any kindness.

Very truly yours -

Wm S. Hayes -

February 23, 1944.

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127 Pacific Avenue  
Toronto 9 Ontario Canada  
April 21<sup>st</sup> 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your letter dated Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1945 is before me. Letters like that - are not thrown into the waste paper basket. They are cherished. It was in your hand writing that always seems more personal more friendly. Not long ago I received a short note from Mr. Brown in reply to a note of sympathy on hearing of the departure of Mrs. Brown.

One by one our friends are leaving us. Our Worcester class of 1900 has lost thirteen. But now on Easter Day lost is not the word - we remember them and the memories are vivid. They are not lost just-away. Of course we are thinking of our son Geoffrey who died from wounds received in action on the Pacific. One thing we remember in one of his letters was, I do not hate the J. Chinese but feel that we must fight - to do our duty. He could have stayed in safety but felt a call to

active service. We do not understand but we believe God cannot do wrong. The memories of our son come flooding in on us. He is not dead to us - just absent. His little son David Geoffrey seems so much like his father it is a comfort to us all especially to his mother Helen who seems a real daughter to us.

Of late I have had thirty Chinese friends since January past. It is a hard service because while it is my desire to comfort - It is also my desire to get it across that we must be ready we must serve and worship God.

My best friend, a Chinese for forty two years, the Presbyterian minister in Toronto died Christian. One of his daughters said "It is father's birthday in Heaven"

Today is a beautiful day the sun is shining brightly. It helps very materially in our thought of the fullness of life the light of life. I wish more people had a deeper realization of what the day really means.

When one of our Chinese Christians was called on e.g. his reply was just think what comes out of eggs, beautiful and musical birds that cheer us up and make us better  
With every best Easter wish  
Yours very sincerely  
Wm D. Hayes



(Noyes) Will

# The United Church Mission to Chinese in Canada

REV. WM. D. NOYES, D.D.  
MISSIONARY-AT-LARGE

PHONE JUNCTION 6331  
127 PACIFIC AVENUE  
TORONTO 9, ONTARIO

Dear Dr. Speer:

March 1st 1947.

Having just written a note to Dr. A. J. Brown it seemed a good idea to write to you as well.

Best Armstrong is retiring in July after a long faithful service. He has, always seemed to me the faithful follower of Dr. R. P. McKay who for many years was my chief and counsellor. I called him my father confessor. Both these men have been very good to me since my coming to Canada. It has been a privilege to serve under them. It was a real regret, my transference to the Home Board. They seemed to understand the difficulties of the Foreign Missionary at home or abroad or at work in the Home Field better than the Home Board.

We often think of you. Never have I forgotten in Volunteer Convention in 1902 in this city. Many of those who were here I have met since but did not meet at the time. Little did I think that later I would come here to work among the Cantonese and not do my work for them in Kwangtung.

With every best wish

Yours very sincerely  
Will.

Ogden, Glenn B.

340 Jay, Colusa, Calif.

Feb. 15, '44

Dear friend:-

Thanks for your kind note of the 9th. Your reference to the gamier part of the letter brought back vividly the ride up the canal bank that lovely morning and again on into Kasganj in the evening of that day back in 1921. You may be interested to know that not long after that occasion I began to develop a conscience on the matter of spending time and energy in shotting and trailing game etc., specially as I went and returned from trips to villages. And I finally came to the place where I sold my rifle and gave up hunting entirely except for a very rare trip to the canal near Kasganj to get a peacock for Thanksgiving station dinner. I keep a 20 bore shotgun solely for mad dogs and monkeys now. The latter bec me a pest and one can not even have a garden unless he keep them away by occasionally shooting one. Then they stay away for weeks on end, coming only to the border of the compound.

I came to feel that for one to be carrying a rifle about with him as he went about among villages inhabited mostly by Hindus, and even in more Mahommedan localities, was a detraction from the picture and the impress that one would want to make. I look back upon those years when I gave so much strength to the hunting part of it that some times I was taking something vital away from the work, with a sense of shame and regret. How wonderful that we are in the hands of a Father who forgives.

If the speed with which others have secured passports and sailings is a criterion for mine it will be summer before I actually get away for India. But I am getting things packed up and ready to go so that I can jump and run if a sudden call comes. We do not contemplate the separation with hilarity, and specially my separation from Charles who is just now 13. But we believe it will all work out for good in God's hands.

I am enjoying your little book, "Five Minutes A Day." What



a treasury of good things you gathered together there.

I heard Henry Sloane Coffin the other night at Sacramento .Dealing with the three aspects of our home-front moral battle that must be fought and won if America is to stand, he told this story under the head of Race injustice. In a certain city in Ohio the Highschool put on a contest for the best essay under the topic, What is the most suitable punishment for Hitler. It was won by a 16 year old girl of dark skin who said, ' just put a black skin on him and then turn him loose in certain American communities'.

With best regards to both of you.

Sincerely,

Glenn B. Ogden.

You may recall Jim Oxford who for so many years rendered superb service in Instituto Ingles in Chile. He later went to Japan and developed the outstanding school for commercial training. He received a special citation from the Emperor that none of us ever knew about till his death. He passed on recently down in Texas. He has a son now studying Japanese back at Ann Arbor, Mich. He visited them several times as we passed through Kobe, Japan.

Dear friend:-

July 21, '44, Melbourne, Austr.

I have just been reading again your kind letter of Feb. 9th past in which you express the hope that all the difficulties in the way of our going back to India may be removed and we be prospered on our way. Such is indeed proving to be the case. Here we are, Mildred, Charles and I, keeping house for a brief time in the Missionary Rest Home, just fitted out by the good ladies of the Church Missionary Soc. here who have taken us in and allowed us to be the very first to give this house a warming. A band of 33 of us, of mixed breeds, landed here a week ago and will be going on in two or three weeks or as soon as a boat or boats can be had. We have been most generously received and taken care of by the good folk here in the Presbyterian Headquarters. Opportunities for speaking are being arranged and we are being made to feel at home. Dan Poling is in the city and speaking to large crowds most acceptably. He goes to visit our boys in New Guinea soon. He flew out in 35 hrs. Some going. We took six weeks coming via Panama. But it was a lovely trip. Now for India and picking up the threads again. Have you read C.S. Lewis's, Christian Behaviour? What do you think of his word

about narcotics? Seems to me the one weak spot in a fine chapter. His description of us as travelling in convoy, is themore readily understood now that we have had two weeks of it. A very apt and telling illustration. Coonradt of China, Crouch, Mrs. Milliken, are in our party. All send their greetings to you and Mrs. Speer.

With best regards, ever,

Sincerely yours, *Glenn B. Ogden*



7/21/44

Ogden, Glenn B.



Dr. Robt E. Speer  
Rockledge.  
Lakerville. Conn.  
U. S. A.

This Card is for use within the Commonwealth and to places in the British Empire.  
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Osborn, ? N. S.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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Lakeville Conn.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

As a young man I often  
enjoyed your Y. M. C. A. ad-  
dresses and books. Your  
book "A Young Man's Questions"  
was so good I feel it should  
still be in circulation. Is it?  
If not, please write one that  
could sell for 25¢ - letting  
some ~~man~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~endow~~ <sup>if</sup> ~~if~~ <sup>nece-</sup>  
sary in order that all youth  
may have it, as Kegera did  
in Japan - where I was a  
missionary.

Very sincerely yours  
W. N. S. Osborn.

205 S. Myers St.,  
Charlotte, N. C.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Robt E. Speer,  
Lakewood,  
Connecticut,





Park, Marie



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Dec 14"

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Wilma & family  
have moved here to Yonkers  
so I'll be here until I  
leave in March for my  
last term. We are expecting

a lovely Christmas together.  
May the Prince of Peace  
be with us all.

I use "Five Minutes a Day"  
learned of it in Fatchgarh India

Best regards

Marie Park

1156 E. Broadway

Yonkers

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Parrish, J. Scott

J. SCOTT PARRISH  
RICHMOND FOUNDRY & MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
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February 28, 1944.

Mrs. Robert Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Emma:

I wish to thank you for your lovely little note of February 25th, and your reference to Edith has cheered me a great deal.

I shall read with a great deal of pleasure the article you sent me, written by your daughter Marnie, and I rejoice with you over her getting back safely. It must be hard for you and Robert to keep up with your children, as no sooner one comes home than one or two of the others leave, but my prayer is that they will all come safely through this terrible war.

*Check with  
JSP  
Marnie  
B. J. 128 P*

I am enclosing you an article that appeared in yesterday's Richmond Times Dispatch, "The Men Who Would Not Be Put Upon", by Douglas S. Brown, who I believe is a woman, wife of a Presbyterian minister, he being pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Richmond. Please show this to Robert when he returns, for as I know he knows everything that has ever happened in Presbyterianism, there may be something in this article that will be of interest.

With very dear love to you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

Scott

JSP:g

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*Parrish, J. Scott, Jr.*

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DR AND MRS ROBERT E SPEER=

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OK/ Route 6, Box 897  
Phoenix, Arizona  
March 15, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Presbyterian Church  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Speer:

When I was a worker  
under the Reformed  
Church in America at  
Mc Kee, Kentucky, <sup>(1917)</sup> I came  
across One Girl's In-  
fluence and enjoyed it  
for years, memorizing  
such verses as "I was  
all alone on the



mountain" (I think the first line is "On the very, very top of the world") and others. I have given a copy of the book to others.

A Miss Merry from Plainfield, New Jersey, gave me a copy which Louise Andrews' father had given her. Though I prized it highly, I let a friend (a mountain girl in Annville, Kentucky) read it and it never

was returned.

Last year I tried to get it for a graduation gift for a niece of mine. The bookstore in Holland, Michigan, said it was out of print. Do you happen to know where some copies are and whether I can obtain one?

I am now working as a Director of Religious Education, right now under the Presbyterian Board



of National Missions.

Your little book and others you have written have been a source of inspiration to me, as well as addresses I heard at Northfield and Winona Lake, Indiana. I recall an Easter message that was a help and remains with me, especially coming to the surface at this season.

Yours very sincerely,  
(Miss) Betty Pas

Pearce, M. M.

GENEVA COLLEGE  
BEAVER FALLS, PA.

February 19, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville  
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am writing to inquire if perchance the address which you gave at the inauguration of the president of Zenia Seminary in Pittsburgh this fall has appeared in print. If so, and if you will tell me where I can secure it, I will very much appreciate your kindness.

The part of the address which I particularly remember, and which I would like to quote as coming from you, is the passage near the close in which you used a few very pertinent sentences following the line of saying, "It is right, to do otherwise would be wrong, to - " do certain things. If this has not appeared in print, but you have a manuscript and have a secretary who could give me a copy of those few sentences, it would be a very great favor. I always like to quote you and would be particularly pleased on this occasion to quote those few fine sentences.

Hoping I am not imposing on you and with every kind regard, I am

Yours very sincerely,

M. M. Pearce  
President

Pearman, Earl O.  
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HEADQUARTERS  
FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA  
OFFICE OF THE POST CHAPLAIN

3 October 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Ever since I came into possession of your book "Five Minutes a Day", I have wanted to write you expressing my appreciation of the little, but exceedingly rich volume. I recall a conversation in which you mention the fact that you were preparing the book.

Yesterday the chaplains of the District had an inspiring day of Retreat at the Washington Cathedral. The morning session was held in the Bethlehem Chapel, which contains the crypt of the great President of the last war, Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Bader was Chairman of the meeting and presented the speakers: Bishop Dun, Dr. Bonnell and Dr. John R. Mott. Dr. Mott was an inspiration to us all. His mind is vigorous and his heart as warm as ever. He mentioned the fact that yesterday's Retreat was the 14th in which he had recently participated. In the course of his address he spoke very appreciatively of you. He referred to a great verse from Isaiah, 26:9 "For when Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness". He gave it as his opinion that God's judgments are working in the world today. In my notes covering Dr. Mott's address, I find this sentence: "The love of Christ empowers us to love the unlovable".

I am enjoying the Chaplaincy more than ever. I recall Mrs. Speer's words when I entered the Service to the effect that the Chaplaincy would prove to be an "enlarging experience". It has been so.

Mrs. Pearman and Nancy moved to Alexandria about three weeks ago and are comfortably situated in a little house on the outskirts of the city. Mrs. Pearman began her work as director of religious education at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Nancy will enter Pembroke College on November 1st.

Please give my good wishes to Mrs. Speer and all of your dear ones.

Faithfully yours,  
*Earl O. Pearman*  
EARL O. PEARMAN,  
Chaplain (Capt.) U.S.A.



Pears, Emma D.

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WIDDICOMBE  
513 BEECH TREE LANE  
WAYNE, PA.

January 14, 1944.

Very dear Dr. Speer,

We were so impressed with the little folder you prepared at the time of your son's death - and I am writing to say that I have taken the liberty of having my son print something similar to send to those who knew you and am writing so understanding about him.

The quotation on the second page I took directly from you. It was in quotation marks but I could not recall where it was taken from. I hope I have not done wrong in using it. It is so beautiful and has helped us in our hour of trial.

Very sincerely yours  
Emma D. Pears  
(Mrs. Thos. C. Pears Jr.)

Pennington, Leslie T.

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THE FIRST PARISH IN CAMBRIDGE  
THE FIRST CHURCH (UNITARIAN)  
3 CHURCH STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

LESLIE T. PENNINGTON  
MINISTER

January 4, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

I send herewith a little booklet of Lenten readings, "The Disciplines of Freedom," which I prepared this summer, and which I might well have dedicated to my associates in the Church Peace Union. For they have taught me to think and work beyond sectarianism in terms of the broadest, deepest and most inclusive principles of our common Judeo-Christian faith, in which we need now, so deeply, to be gathered in uniting power. I send this booklet in gratitude for the fellowship I have enjoyed with you in the work of the Union.

You may be interested in the enclosed testimonials from Dr. Fosdick, Dr. Niebuhr, Dean Trueblood and Dr. Eastman, and to know that 35,000 copies have been ordered by the Army and Navy Department of the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. for service men and women, and students of many different denominations.

With every good wish for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie T. Pennington

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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
"Rockledge"  
Lakeville, Connecticut



Perry, Arthur

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Confidential

September 26, 1946

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.  
"Rockledge"  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

In order that each Trustee may be fully informed,  
I am enclosing herewith copies of two very confidential letters.

Dr. Park's marital troubles have been with him for quite some time. No third person is involved on either side, and there is no question of moral turpitude. Those of us who are familiar with the situation feel that it is principally due to a neurotic state of mind on the part of Mrs. Park. At any rate, she is calmly walking out on her husband this week and taking the children with her.

The Trustees approached have indicated their full approval of the action taken by the Executive Committee. This action, by the way, was taken in executive session and no entry will be made on the records. Furthermore, unless some Trustee or Trustees insist, no mention of the matter will be made at the Trustees' meeting next week.

The Committee's action was based on two compelling considerations: (1) Dr. Park has been, and still is, a fine administrator; we could not hope to get a better one. (2) If we should accept his resignation at this time it would tend to increase, rather than decrease, any odium which may redound to the Schools. The natural assumption would then be that the resignation had been forced and that the situation was much worse than it actually is.

I very much hope you will feel, everything considered, that the Executive Committee has acted in the best interests of the Schools.

Sincerely yours,



Chairman, Executive Committee

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Office of the President  
The Northfield Schools  
East Northfield, Massachusetts

September 23, 1946.

Mr. Arthur Perry  
50 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Perry:

In view of my domestic situation which we have discussed fully, it seems to me only fair that you should have my resignation as President of the Northfield schools. I need not tell you how much I have enjoyed my work during the past six years, but I would not want to continue if the Executive Committee feel that it would have harmful results. Therefore I want you to present my resignation to the Executive Committee. If they accept it, I shall be willing to relinquish my duties immediately. If, however, they feel that it is to the best interests of the Northfield Schools for me to remain, I shall be willing to do that. This would be most difficult for me and I could not promise how long it would be possible for me to continue. I can only say now that I should do my best to carry on, understanding that the Trustees would have a perfect right to ask me to leave at any time.

I sincerely hope that the decision of the Executive Committee will be based entirely on what is best for the Northfield Schools. I can honestly say that for almost two years I have done everything in my power to avert this tragedy. I regret exceedingly that my efforts have been to so little avail.

May I say how much I have appreciated your help and friendship. Please express to the members of the Executive Committee my deepest thanks for all they have done during the time I have been in Northfield to make my work so enjoyable. I am sure they will understand how deep is my sorrow to think that I have been the cause of a situation which can only have harmful effects on the work I liked so much.

I pray that God will guide you and the members of the Committee in reaching the right decision.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) William E. Park

President



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Confidential

50 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

September 25, 1946

Dear Bill:

Your letter of September 23rd, in which you tender your resignation as President of The Northfield Schools because of your domestic situation, has been received and read to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Unfortunately, nothing can prevent your suffering, and, perhaps, some harm to the Schools. Of this the Committee is fully aware and is especially mindful that the tragedy falls heaviest on you. However, the Executive Committee is happy because of your expressed willingness to remain - provided it seems to the Committee for the best interests of The Northfield Schools. The Executive Committee and the heads of the two schools are unanimously and very definitely of the opinion that your continued tenure of office is for the best interests of the schools, and we are therefore asking you to carry on with as much courage and enthusiasm as your strength will permit. In this undertaking you will have our wholehearted support and sympathetic understanding.

Even in this formal reply to your letter, I cannot refrain from saying how fond I am of you and how sorry that this grievous trouble should be visited upon you.

Affectionately yours,

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Chairman, Executive Committee

AP:MFL

William E. Park, President  
The Northfield Schools  
East Northfield, Massachusetts

THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOLS

Present at the executive session of the  
Executive Committee:

Mrs. Horton

Mr. Grandin

Mr. Grandin, Jr.

Mr. Curtis

Dr. Smith

Dr. Thorndike

Mr. Perry

Mr. Sunderland (by proxy)

Miss Wilson, as guest

Mr. Rubendall, as guest

September 24, 1946



JAMES H. PERSHING  
EQUITABLE BUILDING  
DENVER, COLORADO

June 3. 26.

Dear Bob:

With you I harken back to the days when we were undergraduates together. My first talk with you was in your temporary quarters in the old Hotel on Nassau St. I was undertaking (unsuccessfully) to persuade you to become a member of Whig Hall. I felt then that you would "go places" - and you have.

Certain people are trying to make us believe that "the faith of the two Churches is now the same". I do not so see it - although I wish that this might be true. Even if it is so, there will be no difficulties concerning unity.

This letter would have been written promptly on receipt of yours, but for illness - I am better now - but none too well.

Faithfully James H. Pershing



Peters, John T.

WESTSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PULASKI AVENUE BELOW SCHOOL LANE  
GERMANTOWN, PHILADELPHIA

October 13, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I regret exceedingly that I did not have opportunity to bid you farewell on Tuesday evening and to express to you my very great appreciation of the deeply spiritual sermon which you preached at the Installation Service. I was expecting that you would be spending the night here at the Delmar-Morris and that I should have the opportunity to visit with you on Wednesday morning.

All of us here were greatly thrilled by your message on Tuesday evening. I do not know how you could have given better emphasis to that which needs so strongly to be urged upon us all. I do hope that my ministry here may follow along the lines which you have outlined so clearly.

Mrs. Peters joins me in extending to you our warmest personal greeting. I do hope that we may see you again in the not-too-far-distant future. In the meantime, again let me thank you deeply for all that you have done to make my ministry here at Westside successful.

Ever sincerely yours,

*John Thompson Peters*

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MISS LOUISE PHILIPS  
3729 WOODLAND  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

2 P.M. Feb 2. 1944.

Dear Dr. Speed;— I received this notice from the Tribune some while ago — & I should have answered it sooner. But I've finally decided to take the bull by the horns — and confess that I do not think the indications are that I'm going to live forever in K.C. Mo.!! At 85½, I can see that Time is making some ravages on my tabernacle; aided and abetted by a 40 years Nazante fast. I have no regret for having adopted a life of fasting & prayer as my supreme offering on His Cause. I can certainly say HE is Wonderful!

So please stop my "Tribune". But if I'm still here, you

will get your usual greeting at  
Rockledge. I love the Speers!!

And so abidingly yours,  
Louise Estlin.

money has all gone to China for  
Victory!

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Eastern. Apr. 9. 1944 Philips, Louise

Dear Dr. Spurr:-- Yes I'm still  
here! But I'm to have my 86  
birthday this week, so may not be so  
for troubling the world many more decades.  
Have been having some lovely church  
services the last few Sundays. Walked 52  
blocks to & from church last Sunday, & was  
not a bit tired; but I rather stand in  
awe of my garden. Now my big neighbor  
boys are gone to war. Gratings to all your family  
& to you, America's premier missionary, from Louise

Louis Phillips  
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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

8 1944

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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville  
Connecticut

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CHINESE CHARACTER

"KAI" MEANING VICTORY



Phoebe  
Gallagher

MISS LOUISE PHILIPS

3729 WOODLAND

KANSAS CITY, MO.

2:30 P. M. Sunday May 21, 1944

Deary, I loved Dr. Speer:-

Was I pleased  
to get your recent kind letter?!  
all I can say about you is  
your days must be 48 hrs. long -  
or it would seem you never  
could have gotten through all  
the work you have accomplished.  
(But I know you are one of  
His miracles men - and that  
He can explain even you.)

Well, I have frequent re-  
minders that 86 is not exactly  
26; but I do not feel that  
I ever enjoyed more all my  
work, or even my play, than in  
these later times. "Funny" isn't it?

I had for years for my pastor  
an old family friend, (editor &  
owner of the St Louis Advocate,)  
who was an inveterate "globe  
trotter". One day he was standing  
with a French lady, looking at Mr. Bland -  
after a time she turned to him  
& said, "Isn't it Funny." Well it  
is funny to be so old, & yet  
to enjoy all kinds of work, and all  
our books and papers so much.

And I do not think I ever  
enjoyed my "Five Minutes a day"  
more than I did this morning -  
and now I've two dear  
ones I want to share  
it with; so do please send  
me two copies of that  
treasure home.

I went to Luwood  
Presbyterian this A.M.  
"I hum" Methodists, with

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

their General Conference, have  
so taken up all my Sundays  
that it was the first time  
I've been to Linwood in  
weeks. Dr. Cowie, (the pastor  
for about 2 years now,) is  
a very, good preacher. Came  
here from Los Angeles. The

Main Auditorium, is closed  
for refurnishing etc., and  
the service was held in the  
old church room - used as  
a dining hall the night I  
first met you there; when  
your smile captured my  
love for all time. I sat  
right where you were sitting  
that eve so long ago.

I'm glad you have one  
of the grand children with  
you; and I hope all goes

well with the dear Bontré  
family, and with Elliott, &  
with Williams.

You know with all the  
floods of great waters that  
have been visited on us  
since Easter, all our spring  
work in much beloved gardens  
just beginning to get above ground!  
I've been keeping out more  
than in years; my neighbor  
gardener has been so busy!  
Well, what YOU sow your-  
self, has a flavor no other  
can have. Well am I glad  
that you printed the  
dear little devotional book!!

A bushel of love to Mrs.  
Spencer, & Margaret, & All,  
from yours devotedly,

Miss Louise.

Dr. Cowie was truly great  
this a. m. We all love him.



MISS LOUISE PHILIPS

3729 WOODLAND

KANSAS CITY, MO.

3:45 P. M. Monday, Nov. 20, 1944

Beloved Dr. & Mrs. Speer:-

At my youthful age,

(86) I told you I should feel  
in duty bound, as long as  
you send me the Tribune to  
send you a message at the  
Church festival - so here is  
a Thanksgiving Greeting:

I'm still able to come & go &  
do - but I'm not looking  
any younger, after these  
86 birthdays and their 40  
years honest-to-goodness  
fasting. (However yesterday  
a week ago, I went over  
to St Peter's Evangelical

Church, & walked the 25<sup>th</sup>  
blocks home - without being tired.  
They have services at 10:00 - so  
I was too late to walk over -  
or I expect I should have.)

Now I am fairly well; but  
my widowed sister, 78, who  
lives next door, is not at all  
well. We are the last of the  
large family - & it sure makes  
me sick to have her sick.

I'd miss her terribly if she  
should be taken away.

For sometime I've been  
contemplating asking a favour  
of you: may I have some  
copies <sup>made</sup> of the preface to "The  
Trinity of Jesus Christ," to  
add to my letters to friends?  
Of course your name will  
be appended. It is so dear  
I'd love to have it.

Our N. E. ministers are earnest  
& effective preachers — but the  
responses are not what they  
ought to be. When Zion travels  
she wins souls; and I'm  
very sure if the church would  
add some old fashioned  
fasting to its prayers — it  
would see larger responses.

I'm asking Him to do great  
things in His warfare on  
Rum, Rome, Shew & Narcosis;  
& I expect He will be raising  
a howl along those lines. His  
arm is not shortened!!!

Glad of the cigarette shortage. So.

We have had a lovely Fall—  
but it is now black & cold.

I always notice any news  
of weather conditions with you.

I hope the last hurricane  
was not too severe on you!

As you know it is a time  
of major divine house-  
cleaning: & all of us have  
to meet it in some way.

I'd love to hear any  
news of your dear family!!!

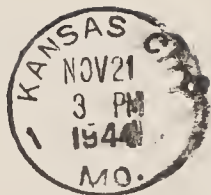
With love abiding, Yrs. Miss Louise.



ing Woodland  
K.C. Mo.

Card

Nov. 27.



Dr. & Mrs. Robert E. Spear

Lakeville, ~~Ill.~~ Mount Airy  
Connecticut. ~~Nov 27~~

H. S. Chapman

(Philips) Louise  
2:30 P.M. Monday, Apr. 16, 1945

24 / Dear "Bishop" Sher:

Between celebra-  
ting a birthday & Easter Sunday  
last week, I'm tardily sending  
my usual festival greeting to you.  
But I ~~was~~ still here for my 87  
anniversary last week.

No, I do not feel specially older,  
but I do not rise from my over-  
stuffed chair as I did 40 years ago,  
something more deliberate. I wonder  
how the anti-deluvians earned  
their ages!

Well I have you with me  
pretty regularly - you remember  
some years ago, you compiled the  
New Year's week of prayer program,  
and I keep several pages of it

in a little Bible Birthday Book  
left me by a dear departed sister.  
The selections & prayers <sup>from you</sup> are such  
a comfort. I hope there is some  
SAINT who shall inherit your  
mantle, when you pass over Jordan!

You have surely been a laborer  
in the vineyard, who does not  
need to ashamed! - I marvel at  
the work you have done.

You were entitled to a rest -  
if you could & would take it  
nowhere but in a hospital, 50, 50!

I had a lovely Easter - it  
had but one personal grief -  
I'm not sure that I told you  
that my sister, who lives next door,  
had to undergo a major operation  
for Cancer of the Stomach in Nov.  
and such was the devastation

That the surgeon said that the operation would probably give her a bit longer life & an easier death, but that the case was incurable.

She can hardly get down enough food & drink to keep life in her. She divides her time between her home here, & her farm at Traverly. <sup>where</sup> Her son & his wife & the little granddaughter are devoted to her.

She has been a faithful family woman - but has not been so faithful to her religious obligations - & there is no substitute for that when death knocks at the door.

Oh that He could open the world's blind eyes, to see that "there is but one thing needful."

Well it is going to be better going for his church, when the Lord finished his present house cleaning.



I had to go down town Sunday  
to get a prescription filled for  
sister — well the room was  
full of men & women smoking  
cigars & cigarettes over their food —  
& children quite at home in the  
room. I said it & its atmosphere  
were the closest I'd ever  
been to the bad place!!

Our Spring is very coquettish —  
we have a nice spell of  
weather, then wind & rain  
& cold! My garden is cleared  
off, but is drunched, so I can  
not get anything of up to date  
seeds in it. I do not like to  
work in wet ground — so I'm  
just waiting on it.

Love to you, & each & all of  
your dear ones, from  
Louise.

Philips, Louise

Date of her hip injury

May 20, 1945

See letter from niece,  
Martha Leitch

(Philips) Louise  
3729 Woodland. N. C. 3. Mo.

Oct. 7th. 1945

Beloved Dr. & Mrs. Spur:-

If you had received all  
the letters I've planned  
to write you - Well,  
you'd say, "Am I your  
only beloved?"

Well any way the  
Master may know of  
greater servants now  
languishing here below -  
BUT I do not know  
of any I think more  
worthy of His decoration.

How wide your  
influence thro' the years,  
and how always fringed!

I have but one regret -  
& that is that I have not  
always been able to sit at  
your feet & learn as I might  
have done

That "knock down" sure gave  
me a good one - I got out  
of the cunks after so many  
weeks - but the aftermath  
of stiff knees etc. was more  
than I knew was the  
accompaniment of those  
strokes.

The Psycho-therapist leader  
wanted me to get on crutches  
& walk right off - I told  
her those old knees would  
need more time - & so  
I came home & have been  
doing all I could for them.

Now for some weeks I  
have been able to go  
about the house by  
hooking on to the furniture.  
But the wounded leg is  
an sick shouter, & will call  
for a raised heel. I do  
hope I do not have to  
use the crutches they sent  
me, & I paid for - but



I'm just sitting out behind the door.

My Darling niece, who spends her vacations with me, (she is a Denver Teacher,) was able to look after me & the home - but the yard & garden went by the board. So far have been unable to get any one to look after them!

A most efficient neighbor, who has lived by me for 30 years - (a widow who can appreciate the money I give her) - is coming for me, & I have no lack. The widowed sister, who has lived next door for 20 years, died about a week after my accident, with cancer. Her son came up & took her down to her farm, which he runs

I read the July Bulletin to day - & am sending it to our  
family chaplain - also of your church

on Wednesday - & she died  
Sunday, at Traverly - the long  
time home of her married life;  
where she was greatly ad-  
mired & having been its liter-  
ary club organizer & long  
time president. Now I am  
the only member of my own  
family left - that will never  
come to you!

I keep up my church  
connections - & my work  
for the Kingdom, as I  
have opportunity. And  
He & His have been  
paring kind to me  
during this experience.

If you have time &  
strength Tell me some  
what of your dear  
ones sometime.

Always yours gratefully  
Louis.



Research Hospital, Sept. 8, 1946? (Philips, Louise)

Dear, Richard — I have been thinking: Was I glad to see "Rocky" on an envelope last night, when my mail was brought out last night?

Well if you'd had all the mental conditions I've written you, you'd know that you've never been out of it all.

But it is rather hard to write and think — & some business letters claim the priority. But I have rather decided it with myself that I would write you to day.

Well I'm still in the hospital. I'm with the other patients, the days pass on. With the first one (maybe) I was glad all last summer. It let me out at the end of August. I saw her so I could get all round the house by heading to the furniture — but in January she

was right next to me. The patient said when I went on that the hip was loose — but the head doctor said "No, it was the plate that would not knit" — and he took me and said "I'm a doctor in the world, & did nothing for me; all that I think I needed nothing but rest, & a March 15, my friends got me

in bed here in Research. They at once put me in a new bed — & put me in a better bed. I'm looking better now. I was out for 2 weeks — but the groin is so sore when that hip had to lay over on the other to keep some more those nails, that I'm waiting until it gets better before I go home. I'm in there sitting it in order against my back. I hope so.

... You know. I think you are the Minister among the things, & I'm often trying to introduce some experience to you. Every last night one asked me if I had any of your books at home. I said, yes, but I have not yet made up my mind to pass on to some one else.

\* Research is a very expensive "hotel" — but my patient - drink, food also. Research is glad to send me what I need for my condition.



We do rejoice because of God's protection over us on such a long journey. Several incidents occurred that showed us definite Father's care. One was the occasion of a narrow escape from a very serious automobile accident on a steep, mountainous road. We are also happy over the letters that we received at the end of the journey forwarded to us by our American headquarters. We had heard other missionaries say that people in the homeland forget one after he leaves for the field, but we are so glad that this has not happened yet.

We like our work very much and these are happy days for us. We will be very busy but will always be glad to hear from you.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

The Goodmans

San Francisco, LaUnion  
Philippine Islands

Dear friends:

Last Saturday, September 22, on our way to Magaan with three of the Bible Institute students, several letters were handed to me just at the gate of the barrio (village). Two came from Davao and Catabato from our parents and Brother Ludy. First letters I have received from them since the breaking of the war. We thanked the Lord for sparing their lives.

One of the letters was from the missionary office addressed to Brother Bolayog. As we are so anxious to hear any news from you, as children are to hear from their father, I came back to the parsonage and shouted to Mrs. Bolayog, "letters, letters from Brother Thomas."

Because Brother Bolayog is not here but is in San Fernando we opened your letter and to our joy we are blessed to see a check amounting to \$500.50 or 1001.00 pesos which is just in time in days of our need. We thank you, Brother Thomas, together with all the brethren there because of their love to us through our Lord Jesus. I said to the Lord, "I know Lord that this money sent to us came from poor Christian Pilgrims. Lord, let me be also faithful to my trust to Thee, and Lord guide me to spend my 901.00 pesos wisely so that it will be all for Thy work according to our need as Thy servant."

I remember the story of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back and gave thanks to Him. Lest I forget, I am thanking you now before any of my co-workers who has also a part of the funds you sent us.

Brother Thomas, I want you also to please remember Sister Ganibe, my wife, who is not well. Pray that the Lord will touch her and I shall not be tied to go anywhere the Lord calls me. After the Institute here in San Francisco, I am going to help my brother Rufino in the revival in Canaan, and after that we will go to Siclong to open a work near Bongabong. Pray for us that God will give us souls for Jesus ready for Heaven. I know the Lord is coming soon. The tribulation shall soon come, but thanks be to God for Christ will come first and come very soon before the day of tribulation.

We plan for an annual convention on the last week of March, 1946 if the Lord tarries. We shall have it held in Sayton way to Bagnio in the town of Rosario.

We are hoping that missionaries from the United States will be present at that convention.

Yours for Christ,

Isidoro Ganibe, Chairman  
Institute Committee



3729 Woodland, K.C. 3. Mo. Oct 29. 1945-

59 (Philips) Louise

Dear Dr. Spur:

When my attendant  
handed me your late letter,  
I hugged it to my bosom.  
She had never seen me  
do such a thing before -  
so I thought some explanation  
was in order. So I told her  
that "you were the greatest  
saint in America".

Well beloved saint I  
see you are still on the  
war-path; tho you may be  
considered retired. Well I  
suppose some people ought  
to be retired - but not those  
who can still preach like you,  
& my favorite living bishop -  
John Calvin Broomfield.

Bishop Brownfield held our S. W. M.  
Conference in Sept last year; & was  
shortly after retired at the age limit.

He lately sent me a copy of one  
of his recent sermons, on the  
Church - his sermon on the  
"Wonderful", had been my  
favorite of his sermons that  
I had heard - but I wrote  
him that this Church sermon  
measured right up to it.

I'm sending you a copy of  
each of them - & I'm sure  
you'll appreciate them - but  
I wish you could have heard  
that dear child deliver them.

I'm not making much  
headway at recovery - The knees  
stay stiff - & most of my  
fat is in my feet - but on  
the whole I can get around  
& do some things for myself.

Philips, Louisa  
Rensselaer Hospital, Dec 2, 46?

Dear Beautiful Sister:-

How I love  
you in this hospital; and the  
"is" is "dearly, loving" always. It's  
this poor child, who never  
knows what it can be, and  
sits in a state of such  
is still waiting to "see" &  
"understand" Mayhap I shall  
get out sometime; it is a  
very wonderful world to  
stand on right now.

How the lovely things do  
you see to see Dr. Speaks'  
to us, & get your kind letters!

I've been saying to  
you my much love;  
as soon there to you.

It is wonderful to think  
of you & all home,

Starting from the Middle  
Country, playing to me  
home, I have been  
wondering how it will  
a part.

Wrought  
A

For Miss Louisa Philips

2) You may have noticed that

Dr. Fodgett has resigned  
the pastorate of Riverside and  
is now pastor of Concord.

They have called Dr. Fodgett  
from Concord and I am sure

will be there from the  
University of Wisconsin, Hamilton  
Concord. I received a copy of

his first sermon, "He is dead

to be a Christian." He is  
all about a young man. It  
just like to be a minister.

He is probably a Baptist or

one of the other, or Riverside

Concord. I am sure

him.

Stanley Jones is returning

has just left this morning,

He is the minister of

has been the pastor of

has been the pastor of

has been the pastor of

has been the pastor of



*P.S. I have not <sup>exactly</sup> broken it just*

Board of National Missions  
of the Presbyterian Church in the  
United States of America

*went out 1*

156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

*worked by the*

*conferred with* March 1, 1947

*The other broke...*

*I do not know when I will*

Dear Miss Philips: *get to get...*

Due to the tremendous need of our Mission Fields  
throughout America, General Assembly has authorized  
this letter. *Here is hoping praying*

We are asking the smallest possible gift, only  
\$1.00, or more.

My Early Beloved Friends:-  
If I had as much money as I  
have now I would give you I would  
not be taking advantage of  
that situation!!

"Thanks for your wonderful  
"friendship" letter."

Dear you

Love

over //

My friendship is not getting old  
the situation has to make it all the better



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Robert E. Smith  
Lakeville  
Connecticut

Reservoir, Jan. 15, 1897

Dear Mr. Spurr: <sup>74</sup> Your letter  
is receipt, and any answer  
from him are un-  
founded - but Spurr has  
Spurr has kept a train  
of lies around His wired,

I suppose my tribune  
man - he has not  
now - I pass it out - some  
time near, sometimes  
to our Chapman now  
studying at Princeton.

My old left leg is  
still very laggard, but  
may release me from the  
hospital some day. I sympa-  
thize with Spurr, with  
his letter in the press.  
With love and sympathy  
L. M. C.

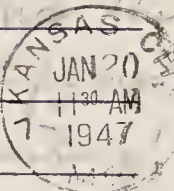


More than I did the

From Marysville, Arizona

Last "Foreign"

was very interesting



Well, best regards to  
dear Mrs. Sner. I

still have my eye -

may

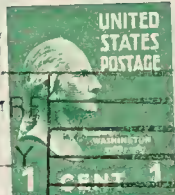


in place of my eye -

it's a shame - I can

see now

(Philip) Louise



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## POST CARD

Dr. Robert E. Sheer

Lakeville

Connecticut

Handi Service Men's Card—Haskell Printing Co.—Chicago

Saturday 4.30 P.M.  
Dear Mr. Spence: I wrote  
you a card several  
days ago, but I did not  
remember to post it, &  
I have not found it  
among my papers. So  
now I'm writing it over,  
to say again that I  
believe that you are  
much in the right  
that - He is fair -  
But what is the one  
I said? And do we love  
him?! With me U.S.A.  
papers were wanting of him.  
I'm enjoying the new  
type of the Tribune.

Philips, Louise  
Dear Doctor & Mrs. Spear & Margaret! n.d.

Was I glad to hear that Miss Margaret was safe at home?! I was sure afraid when I heard she had returned to China - but my worst premonitions did not measure up to all the catastrophe.

Well, I feel our generation has had no greater missionaries than it has had in the R.E. Speers; & that all their labors of faith & love are safely stored for His harvest home.

I am very grateful that the German bombing forays are now under such limitations, that it was deemed safe for Constance & the children to return home - & that William had been able to visit them. Such comfort

to them all!  
 These increasing holidays are not making me  
 feel any younger, but I'm grateful to be able  
 to come & go & do about as of old.  
 With tender love to our dear Mrs. Louise.

"The LORD is a man of war; The LORD is His name." (Ex. 15:3.)

He is *longsuffering*, but when the iniquity of the Canaanites is full, He orders, by Joshua, their destruction; and when Israel sins until there is no remedy, He has the heathen take her into captivity for 70 years.

And this is a time of major divine house-cleaning. In all the Orient He is going for paganism and idolatry. And every blow that idolatrous Japan hurls on idolatrous China returns in poverty, disintegration and death on her own head.

But Rome is His main objective of destruction!

Italy, the seat of the papal See, was the first to be called; and in her barren conquest of Ethiopia, she was drained of men and money. Spain, a nursing mother to Rome, was next called, and was devastated by her civil war.

Next came Austria, one of Rome's titulary strongholds, now subjugated. Poland, Catholic about to the core, is ruined. Belgium, Rome's literary capital, is overrun and despoiled. France, largely Catholic, is dismembered and under foreign dominance.

Germany's ~~30~~<sup>48</sup> million Catholics are being led to the slaughter under the iron heel of Hitler.

Other nations, also badly infested with Rome's virus, are feeling the lighting down of His sore displeasure—and we are not being exempted even now with our heavy debt and depression—and these war preparations, disrupting our civil life. *Of course our 28 million armed forces are in a bind.*  
 But true and righteous are His judgments.

P. S. Linwood Pringle, (the closest of the churches with which I affiliate) has a truly able Minister, Dr. L. David Corrie, come from Los Angeles about 1 1/2 years ago. He has won a warm place in the affection of the church.



Philips, Louise

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April 25, 1947

OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

Miss Louise Philips  
3729 Woodland  
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Miss Philips:

I am indeed grateful to you for sending me the pamphlets and clippings. What you are doing in your crusade against drinking is to be commended.

Dr. Speer is a fine man and I am glad to know that you are receiving The Tribune through him. I am publishing an article about him in an early edition.

It is gratifying to know that you are such an enthusiastic reader of The Tribune and I thank you for your kind words about it.

Faithfully yours,

*Carly Adams*  
Carlyle Adams

CA:w

Well I am still  
fast & pray against Rome  
& Rome - even those  
in Germany in hospitals  
He says He will  
tolerate Rome's lies  
1260 years, & then He  
will take it off the  
ground & burn it  
Rome is now  
a city of the dead  
May the life  
& light of God  
the Spirit, be  
with & surround  
you.  
Oh how does God  
love His  
children. Will He

Research Hospital, K.C. May 8th 1942

To the Saints at Rockledge: ~~was~~

parted by quite a few air <sup>I hope we are</sup>  
miles, you are still in the air. I hope you are still in the air.  
I also take "The Presbyter" - and I have not  
seen any evidences of Dr. McKays  
before your collection. President of Princeton  
ought to be doctrinally as clear as the  
non-day sun - quite a triumph for the  
prince of darkness if he can inject such  
an error into the heart of his day.  
You dear "Fellowship of the Spirit" is your  
masterpiece - it makes me feel more  
heavy like I was reading the Holy Spirit.  
I hope you will find it more. I do hope  
it has no more identification: and thank  
you for sharing it with me.

Those surgeons did not get a good  
do on that left hip - it was not an  
ordinary break - it "just went over",  
weakened by its long confinement -  
with the right, while it was in  
harness with the original right break.

The right hip is now the trouble.  
and I am now trying to get  
it fixed again. I hope that will be  
of some improvement to the left.

Philips, Louise

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Reserve Hospital K.C. Mo. May 18, 1946. (?)

1948?

Mrs. Robert E. Speer, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Love: - I may be very slow - sending you a word of sympathy as to your great loss!

Well, you were passing rich in his great gift to you - as well as to his loved ones.

I have long said, "Robert Speer was the greatest man of his day!" and I'm

sure sorry I did not have a chance to sit more at his feet; and that I have not seen him in his last days!

But at least most of us, whose lives are open, are rich in regrets - and there at least I can have a presence. But over all the best opportunities I'm begging him for his redeeming grace - a case of asking for more than I can think!



2<sup>nd</sup> I say that a dog knocked my down on my right  
hip - & I lost part of my foot in a hospital all  
summer. The last of August I went home; & after long  
trouble, (after being kept from the office for 3 weeks)  
I of the night was back home when I was able to hold  
to the furniture to do for myself. Then the other  
hip, which was from the long siege, just went out  
in Jan. Finally had to have it set in a Blount-Bar  
- the last of March - & I've been in bed with it since  
- Hope to get out by mid June, when my dear  
pet niece returns from Denver to open my home & comfort me.

I've She is a darling child - the daughter of  
Miss Mary, sister.....

## ACHIEVEMENT

& Rev. Langhorne Leitch - a cousin of Nancy Langhorne  
(Lansdowne)

MARCH 1, 1886

I've learned lots of lessons in this painful  
experience - did not know I was able to have quite

MARCH 1, 1946

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A million thanks to the bank for its service in this

## The First National Bank

"Exposition" Home Dan  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

I've lived alone since my daughter Mary sister  
died in 1921. Another sister lived next door  
but died (5 days after the close broke her hip)  
with cancer of the stomach. Her son came up  
& took her down to her old home at Tracy.

"It is appointed unto man once to die"  
I'd be glad to leave any thing to you  
dear ones. This \$140 I have in a bank account  
within 30 min for my daughter, I must not reach  
my state - with love & affection.



May 5, 1944  
The House  
Green Cove Springs  
Florida

Pierce, Albert W.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge, Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I am in receipt of your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup>  
inst. about Dr. Garritt.

At request of Dr. Edwin H. Brown, Green Cove Sp.  
Apr. 25, I took Dr. Garritt to the office of the specialist  
in the case, Dr. Robert McJuer, Greenleaf Bldg.,  
Jacksonville. After four hours of examination  
in office, he directed Dr. Garritt to go to  
St. Vincent's Hospital at once and arranged  
there for him. Later he appointed operation  
for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. But on account of his condition  
operation has been postponed, and blood  
transfusion is to take place. He is twenty-  
five miles away, but I have been there  
four times since I took him in. I saw  
Dr. McJuer's assistant, Dr. Antonio, this  
morning, and he spoke as if transfusion  
would help, but that he could hardly  
go through operation in present  
condition.

Dr. Garritt is in a four-bed ward and is  
well-nursed and taken care of. All hospitals  
are over-crowded now, and I doubt whether  
he could have a room.

Dr. Brown phoned that he had message  
from the Board's physicians to the Board

will keep Dr. Garrikt, I am sure.  
I am anxious about him, for his heart  
is bad, and his anaemia bad.  
He is brave and cheerful, but doubtful  
of outcome.

Thanking you for your interest.

Sincerely.

Albert W. Peirce



Jr

Sec. Robert E. Speer, D.D.  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Conn.

June 14, 1944  
Green Cove Springs, Fla

Dear Dr. Speer:

I want to report on the convalescence of Mr. Joshua C. Garritt. He is in the local hospital conducted by Mrs. L. C. Fisher where he is having good care. He was in St. Vincent's Hospital, Jacksonville, for about five weeks. About five weeks ago he had a successful prostate operation by Dr. Robert McJuer. He is able to be up, and walks a few blocks at times. He is alert, and mind as active as ever. His sight has been bad for some time and is somewhat worse. But with returning strength may improve. In the meantime he finds it hard to pass time. He can read and write very little. I am hoping that his son may come to be with him awhile. So far expenses have been met. The bill from Dr. McJuer will come in on final discharge, after five or six weeks



The Board sent \$100 - + promises \$100 - more.  
The St. Vincent's bill was around \$150 -  
and the local hospital charges \$4<sup>00</sup> per diem.  
He may have written you, but I am  
writing to assure you of his return  
to reasonable health and comfort.

I take this opportunity to say for myself  
that I owe much to you through  
the years for your inspiring addresses  
and personality. I heard the <sup>missionary</sup>  
"Missions + Politics in Asia" <sup>State</sup>  
Lectures, and have heard you many <sup>1898 lectures</sup>  
times since Assembly of 1916, 1924, 1934,  
at Sahejmalaska, Montreal and  
Jacksonville. Thank you much.

also many books. Sincerely,  
Albert M. Pierce



Pierce, Albert W.

The Manse  
Green Cove Springs  
Florida

June. 21, 1944

Mr. Robert E. Speer.  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Just this additional line  
to my last letter regarding Dr. Garritt.  
He is still in local hospital where  
he can have the needed care. He keeps  
his room a good deal, but is able to  
be out a little, although he cannot  
see well enough to make it safe for  
him alone. I think he has improved  
in strength somewhat. He requested  
me to state that Dr. McDuer sent his  
bill for \$50<sup>00</sup>. It is a reasonable charge  
to a minister, but troubles Dr. Garritt.  
The excessive heat is exhausting  
him.

With Kind regards.

Albert W. Pierce

Pierce, Albert W.

The Manse  
Green Cove Springs  
Florida

June 29, 1944.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge, Lakeville,  
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I thank you for your letter  
of June 27<sup>th</sup> received in today's mail.

I took it over to Dr. Garritt in the  
Hospital and opened it, and gave  
him the check for \$50.00 endorsed  
over to him. He asked me to write  
you that he was very, very thankful,  
and would write you himself soon  
when his hand gets steadier. He  
has trouble with his eyes also, so he  
can read very little. This check comes  
to him as a distinct relief in  
meeting the bill of Dr. Robert McIver,  
the surgeon in the case. I think  
the operation is successful, and  
Dr. Garritt improves somewhat in  
strength. He keeps his room most  
of the time but can get out a little

I wish to express gratitude to  
you and to Dr. Ruland for the  
way you have cared for  
Dr. Garritt in his extremity.  
With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Albert G. Pierce.



DELAVAN L. PIERSON  
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Jim  
Sept 8 1944

Dear Rob: Happy birthday to you.  
I am very thankful for you and  
for the way God is using you  
in so many ways & many  
places. His blessing will go on  
richer all the way.

Your notes Cancel. So far



all can come Dec 2 - or possibly  
Dec 9. No word yet from Mackay.  
Wilson & Lalawertter are the  
most difficult to mail down!  
John Mott can come any of these  
days, he thinks Dec 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, 15.

My Love as Ever to you

Dulac

(Pierson) Delavan

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184 Fernwood Ave  
Upper Montclair  
NJ

Feb 19, 1948.

Dr Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn -

My dear 'Rob,

Arthur Meeker says that he  
received a very encouraging word  
from you last week. We hope and  
pray that you may continue to  
keep up the good work.

What is your thought about  
our getting together for a Quiet Day?  
As usual, it is difficult to  
select a date which will be pos-  
sible for all. Zwenor cannot  
be present between March 26<sup>th</sup>

and April 5<sup>th</sup>. He could  
have us at his apartment  
on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

John Malt could come any  
day between March 4<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>d</sup>

or one of the last four days  
of April, or the first part  
of May.

Latourette can  
come possibly April 5<sup>th</sup> or  
7<sup>th</sup>. I've not yet heard from  
Cavent or Mackay.

I hope you're enjoying  
the winter at Lakeville. We have  
plenty of snow and ice —  
and some times fresh —

Affectionately yours,

DeLanae

Grace wrote  
this to save my eyes.  
D.L. gpc

DELAVAN L. PIERSON  
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

Feb 27, 1946

Dear Rob.

You have perhaps seen the  
Enclosed magazines which my  
nephew sent me. What is your  
reaction to Paul Abbott, Dr.'s  
testimony and to Haldcroft's  
article on Korea. I do not  
know Abbott personally.



Probably there is some truth  
in what they say but they are  
too general in their condemnations.  
Like Dr. Maady, I find so many  
shortcomings in myself that  
I hesitate to condemn others.  
But there is much need to  
pray for them.

Affectionately  
E. Elwood

DELAVAN L. PIERSON  
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

March 31, 1946

Dear Rob.

Heartfelt gratitude goes out to  
you for your letter of March 20. May  
that I may be truly guided in my  
articles in the Sunday School Times.  
I want to ~~have~~ <sup>serve</sup> the  
Cause of Christ, speaking the truth  
in love. It is easy to criticize but  
I am convinced that testifying and  
proclaiming Christ and the Word of God  
are the means the Spirit of God uses  
most effectively.

I would like to write of A. J. Gordon,  
a wonderful Christian and man of God.  
Now I am writing on John Knox -  
a very different character but one  
who was used of God to accomplish  
great things. He is a most different  
person than Geo. Williams or John  
G. Paton!

Personally I agree in all essential  
things with the Editors of the S. S. Times  
but I don't believe that their judgment  
of other Christians is always right  
or wholly Christian.

Many things in the Churches and  
many ministers, secretaries  
and missionaries, I cannot  
believe to be right according to the  
teachings of Christ and the Bible  
but I am not their judge. We all  
earnestly desire more glory to Christ,  
more acceptance of him and  
more peace and goodness in our  
lives and every one. The world is  
evil enough to cause sorrow to all.

Thank you for the "Union Sec. Rev."  
containing your sermon preached  
here last summer. I want to  
receive more of them as others want  
copies. It will help many for it  
is true and inspiring, leading  
us to follow in his steps.

I am sorry that John Strong's  
wife is ill. I know what he must  
be going through.

Give my hearty greetings to  
Mrs. Spear. May you have a  
wonderful spring tide with joy  
in fruitful service.

Grace has been ill but is better  
now and busy - So am I.

Ever affectionately  
Delavan

DELAVAN L. PIERSON  
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

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Sept. 9, 1946

Dear Rob.

My love goes out to  
you on your birthday date as  
at all other times. May our  
Heavenly Father's richest blessing  
of love and peace and power  
fill your heart and life all  
the days to come.



Joan said came about David.  
It was a great release to him  
when he was called home. God used  
him to do a really great work  
in the years past.

I don't know about the plans for  
a Memorial Service. Most of David's  
friends have already preceded  
him.                      appreciately Delores

*Rob Speer*

*(Pierson, Delavan)*

Our Quiet Day, December 21, 1946.

Five of us met at Samuel Zwemer's apartment on Saturday, December 21, for a very helpful and enjoyable time of fellowship and prayer. In addition to Zwemer there were Rob. Speer, Sam Cavert, Jesse Wilson and myself. We hoped that all of the others could come but John Mott had just returned from Oslo where he received the Nobel Peace Prize and was obliged to leave for Florida on December 20th, Friday because of his wife's illness. Some of the group saw him on Thursday evening at the Testimonial Dinner in New York, and I talked with him before he left for Florida. He deeply regretted his inability to meet with us.

John Mackay fully expected to be present but sent a telegram saying, "Unexpected circumstances prevent me leaving Princeton today for the meeting I looked forward to more than any other this year. Loving greetings to you both and the other beloved friends." We missed him keenly and had hoped to hear some of his personal impressions gathered on his trip to Latin America last summer.

Fay Campbell expected to be present but telegraphed on Saturday to say that he was unavoidable detained in Philadelphia.

Kenneth Latourette was prevented from reserving December 21st for our Get-together as he had a long-standing engagement in Pittsburgh for that day. A letter from him said, "I cannot tell you how disappointed I am and how much I feel the need of the physical fellowship. We have spiritual fellowship continually and for that I am grateful."

Mrs. Zwemer, as usual, provided a delightful luncheon for us and graced the occasion with her cheering presence.

The meeting was opened by Dr. L. Pierson with the reading of a part of the <sup>9-12</sup> 5th chapter of I Thess. and a consideration of what the apostle Paul had to say about "ambition." There followed a circle of prayer, remembering especially the absent ones and seeking the



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consciousness of God's Presence with us on our "Quiet Day."

Rob. Speer started off by telling of his health and happiness and opportunity for service during the past year. He has taken part in about 30 different conferences and preaching services in different parts of the country, and has preached on an average of over twice a week. His book of daily devotions, "Five Minutes a Day," has now reached a circulation of over 60,000 copies, and the recent book, "Jesus and <sup>our</sup> Human Problems," has already had a very encouraging circulation although it was refused by the Westminster Press. He has several other books in mind, including studies in the 2nd Ep. to Timothy, and is preparing a pamphlet for the Post-Lenten Season on the Holy Spirit. Last year he gave a series of addresses at the Princeton Institute of Theology and plans to give another at the coming one in July, 1947. The members of our Group disagreed emphatically with Rob on his determination not to have an biography of himself written by anyone, especially not an autobiography. He also emphasized emphatically the fact that life, spiritual life, is supremely important to insure a fruitful life-service rather than organization.

Sam Cavert, who has been in Europe about half of the past 16 months, gave a very interesting report on the situation there, especially regarding the spiritual life of the churches in Europe. The picture was rather depressing, but there are some encouraging elements especially in the spiritual personality and influence of certain Christian leaders. The World Council of Churches is unable to function at present but many of the Evangelicals are working together to promote its purposes.

In Germany and Central Europe the suffering will be very great in spite of help being given by American, British and other Christians. Plans are being made to hold the meeting in the interest of Council ~~and~~ Churches in Holland in 1948.

Pastor Niemuller, who has come to America with his wife to attend the American Council of Churches meeting in Oregon, will be here until



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February and is speaking in different cities en route East. He plans to be in N.Y. C. about January 20th.

The German Youth, according to Cavert, are divided into 3 classes:

(1) Those who are discouraged and inclined to be hopeless regarding any great improvement in the future. (2). Those who are inclined to think the recent defeat of Nazis is only temporary and who are biding their time hoping to make another effort to gain their ends as soon as possible. (3) A smaller group of Evangelicals see the failure of the Nazi program was due to its godlessness and believe the only hope for the future lies in Christ and in carrying on in his spirit.

Sam Zwemer told of his joy in his home, his <sup>four</sup> ~~three~~ children and 13 grandchildren. He has been preaching and teaching regularly during the past year, including 2 hours a week for the C. and M.A. Training School at Nyack where he has large classes, and once a week at Bible Seminary where he has also been teaching Missions and Comparative Religions. He has continued to edit "The Muslim World" but plans to retire as editor sometime in 1947. The Quarterly will probably then be published at Hartford Seminary with a slight change in the name to "The Muslim World." Sam has published a 4th edition of a book on <sup>"</sup>Evangelism <sup>"</sup> and a new book called "Heirs to the Prophets," relating to Mohammedans. A third volume in his trilogy relating to Christ is just coming from the Press and is called, "The Glory of the Empty Tomb," following "The Glory of the Manger" and "The Glory of the Cross."

Jesse Wilson told about his many-sided, far-reaching work in connection with the Bapt. For. Miss. Society during the past year, especially emphasizing the progress of the Bapt. controversy and of the World Missionary Crusade.

John Mott, over the telephone, especially asked the prayers



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of the group for guidance in his reply to the invitation from Germany to go there next June, also as to the advisability of his undertaking some conferences in connection with the Greek Orth. Church in Russia, Greece and elsewhere. He's been asked to go to Turkey and North Africa as well. He is planning to return from Florida about January 20th and a little later to go for meetings to Southwestern U. S. He also asks for prayer regarding the International Missionary Conference to be held in Canada next July. We will want to remember to pray for Mrs. Mott's health.

Delevan Pierson reported on the many happy and encouraging things connected with his life in Montclair in the home and church; he asked prayer especially for his class of boys and for the *Pocket Testament* ~~Parent Teachers~~ League.

It has been suggested by a number of friends that the sketches of the *Lives of Great Evangelists* published in the Sunday School Times and elsewhere be collected in a book.

At a luncheon table we discussed again very fruitfully books read during the past year. The most extensive reading seems to have been done by Rob Speer and Sam Zwemer. Rob Speer has read 30 biog. (although he did not seem to approve of this type of literature!) and about 30 detective stories.

After another circle of prayer and a vote of thanks to our hostess we adjourned at about 3:15.

*WLP*

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DELAVAN L. PIERSON  
184 FERNWOOD AVENUE  
UPPER MONTCLAIR, N. J.

March 31, '17

Dear Rob:

May you have a very  
Wonderful Resurrection Season  
with your loved ones greatly  
rejoicing with you

Thank you most heartily  
for the Post-Lenten Studies  
and thoughts praying  
meditation on the Holy Spirit  
Grace Curtis and I are reading  
the leaflet together and I  
am sharing it with others.

As you may know,  
Dan Zwerger has been ill

and must go more quietly  
and restfully if he is to  
continue in service here.  
He has been gaining like a  
young man of fifty - but  
will be 50 on April 12, as  
you know.

Miss Jeannette McMillan  
is slipping and it will  
be a mercy if she is  
released soon. She does  
not recognize people  
and her memory is almost  
gone. She is in a nursing  
home and we are seeing  
that she is cared for (importantly)



We are well and busy.  
 Of course I can't do  
 one fourth of what I ~~am~~  
 eager to do. But no doubt  
 can do all God plans for  
 me to do, day by day.  
 Grace is a real blessing  
 and so are many others  
 abundantly ever  
 Dear



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(to "Delavan" Pierson)

SAMUEL M. ZWEMER

THIRTY THREE FIFTH AVE.

NEW YORK 3, N. Y.

March 19-47

Dear Delavan. - Your letter & envelope came this morn.  
& I thank you for the fine review of my book. So  
far it is having a good sale. I trust your biographies  
will be in Revell's list soon.

My heart has a little "kink" but nothing serious showed  
in the cardiogram. The doctor says if I go a bit slower  
I am good for a longer pilgrimage yet.

You & I have proved prayer & the power of hereditary  
resiliency once & again. Much love from us two to  
you too. Sincerely,  
Sam

Pinder, Susie A.

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Sept.

My dear Dr. Speer:

This is just to let you know that I remember that your birthday falls on September tenth.

I hope it will be for you a very happy day and that more happy birthdays will follow.

A friend once sent  
me this birthday wish  
which I should like  
to pass on to you:

Just a thought of you  
on your birthday,  
And a wish, sincere  
and true  
That God in tender-  
ness and love  
May be very near to  
you.

May good health and  
many other good things  
be yours in your new  
year.

Most sincerely,

Essie A. Pruder



1595 Grand Concourse

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Sept. ?

Pinder, Susie A.

My dear Dr. Spear:

Once again  
the time has come to  
wish you a happy  
birthday.

Each year we re-  
peat these words to  
our friends but they  
do not lose their  
meaning for all  
that.

My wish for you  
is that not only  
will September 6th  
be a happy day for  
you but that many  
blessings may be  
yours in the days  
of your new year.

While I am send-  
ing birthday greet-  
ings I should like  
to let you know how  
much I have en-  
joyed your "Five

Minutes a Day". The  
June issue of the  
Baptist magazine  
"Missions" contained  
a notice of your book.  
I enclose a clipping  
of it, thinking that  
it may interest you.

With twenty birth-  
day greetings, I am  
Yours sincerely,  
Susie L. Finner



Piper, Otto

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PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY  
September 25, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

please find herewith enclosed my article on the Faith and Life Seminars, for which you asked me in your letter of June 30. I regret very much that I was not able to let you have it at an earlier date, but I was on the run all the time. I don't know whether the way I wrote the article is as you wanted it. I tried to be as personal as possible. But please feel free to make any changes in the ms. you deem good or necessary. There were a few more points that came to my mind, but I did not want to go too much into details.

With kindest regards

Cordially yours

Otto A. Piper  
Otto A. Piper



Piper, Otto A.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY  
January 27, 1945

Dear Dr. Speer,

I was deeply moved ,when I received your sympathetic letter of the 23. You had to bear a loss in your life ,which in many respects was more terrible than the one we sustained, and the way you took it has meant so much to those of us ,~~who~~ knew of the tragedy. It is a wonderful experience for us in these days to realize that God offers a real comfort to us, a comfort that gives us a right to feel the full weight of our loss, and yet not to despair. It is a time of trial, but we are thankful that God has graciously granted us strength. We know how much we owe to the prayers of friends like you that the burden has not become unbearable.

I was glad to learn the other day from Dr. Mackay that you are making good progress after your operation, and we hope and pray that the day may not be so far, when we'll have the privilege of seeing you again here on the campus.

Affectionately yours

otto A. Piper  
Otto A. Piper

Poling, Daniel A.

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OFFICE OF THE EDITOR

September 28, 1944

Dr. Robert E. Spear  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

c/o Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions

My dear Robert:-

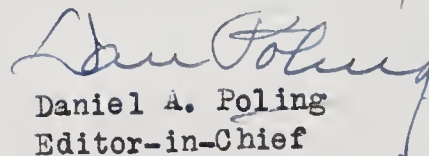
I enclose herewith a copy of CHRISTIAN HERALD  
folded back to "Daily Meditations".

Would you consider favorably our invitation to  
write this department for us through 1945 - twelve issues? The  
modest honorarium that we have paid is \$50 for each issue, or  
\$600 for the year. Would such an amount be satisfactory to you?

I shall be very, very happy if you write and  
tell me "yes".

Sincerely and affectionately -

Your friend,

  
Daniel A. Poling  
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Dr Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear friend,

I am interested in the possibility  
of a life of George Irving being prepared.  
I wish you could do it, — or someone else  
better qualified than I. My present  
work is very demanding; I could do  
no more than an editing job for  
which others, as you suggest, might  
contribute sections. Help me think  
a little more about that. Is it  
feasible? Is it good enough for George?  
I don't at the moment recall such  
a memorial. Do you?

Happy New Year to you and Mrs Speer.

Mrs Porter & I are here much of the  
time with my daughter who is in Red Cross  
Psychiatric work with wounded soldiers.

Yours always  
David R Porter

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

April 24, 1944

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

After a visit which Mrs. Porter and I made with Christina Irving I wrote her again about a memorial for George. I suggested that she send you my letter and if you and she approved I would take over the compiling of such a book. She has written me; but she makes no reference to your present judgment. It would be impossible to do this without your help, especially you would need to write the last section dealing with his work with the Board of Education. I would not be able to give more than general planning time to it before late summer. Before that I could help Archie MacLeod (now in California) get started on the boyhood (and perhaps McGill) chapter (?); also I shall have a chance in May to meet in Montreal his (George's) brother and some men who worked with him during his McGill life.

Some favor a life of less than 200 pages, perhaps 150, designed especially to interest lawyers.

Please write me your present thought about the whole matter.

Mrs. Porter, who is with me here in Washington in the interesting work for War Prisoners, joins me in best regards to you and Mrs. Speer.

Always yours,

David Porter

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May 25, 1944

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I am not sure that I answered adequately your recent letter. I am glad you approve of the general plan arrived at for a memorial for George Irving. As I wrote you, we shall have to depend upon your help in this matter, especially for the last period when he made such a great contribution to the Church. Quite likely you may want to begin working on the matter, - perhaps before some of the rest of us can do much about it.

In July I am having a talk in Canada with Mott Studer and some of the men who knew George at McGill. What would you think of the proposal of a book of 150 to 225 pages, - that is something which would not be discouraging to a layman or the rank and file of preachers.

Always yours,

*Davis*  
*D.*

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

August 15, 1944

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
"Rockledge"  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Thanks for your card and the assurance of your prompt completion of the chapter about George Irving's work.

There has been considerable summer correspondence concerning the matter. We have been expecting to have a small group of Montreal and near Montreal people together for a talk next Monday. However, it now seems that this may have to be postponed. This group includes Mott, Studer, William Birks, George's brother Gordon, Murray Brooks, and perhaps Fay Campbell. There was a possibility, which I have regretfully abandoned, that Angus MacLeod could be there.

Sincerely yours,

David Porter

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

September 29, 1944

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Thank you for sending me Cairns' letter. This will be useful in so far as we are able to make a proper interpretation thereof.

Mrs. Porter and I spent Sunday with Christina Irving. It was good to have her help in looking over a number of George's papers and letters. I should like your comments on the proposed division of labor. This, in addition to your own section, now would seem to be as follows:

MacLeod (with help from Brooks, Tees, Dr. Coxe, Birks, and one of George's brothers) will write about Boyhood and McGill days.

Dr. Mott (with help of Paterson, Mrs. Turner, Henry Keith, William McCulloch, Fay Campbell, William Miller, etc.) will write about his Missionary interests and work.

William Hutchins (with help of Studer, Dix, etc.) Spiritual Emphasis Conferences and their contributions to the Y.M.C.A.

Perhaps I can write a section on George's experience after Saranac Lake, in the Church and Student Y.M.C.A. I have the help of Gale Seaman, Dad Elliott, Murray Brooks, Sam Cavert.

In addition, it seems to me it might be well to have a short opening chapter along the line of - "As We Knew Him", a personal and general introductory and appreciative statement.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

David Porter

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P. S. Yours at hand regarding Piper's statement. I shall be glad to see it unless you wish to incorporate it in your own statement. Regarding your own statement, I should recommend that you have it typed there, if a typist is accessible. I should, however, insist on paying the bill.

Do you know Edward Woods' address? I believe he is now a Bishop. He and George saw a great deal of each other the year George spent at Cambridge.

*Best of you Luffield*

D.R.P.



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October 21, 1944

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I am sending back to you your statement for the Irving book. It is first class and might well be longer rather than shorter. If our hasty estimate of 4,000 words is dependable, this might occupy fifteen or sixteen pages. I would suggest, therefore, that you do not hesitate to enlarge it somewhat.

How do you think we should use Pifer's paper? Much of it would be less useful in such a book to perpetuate George's message than in a manual of instructions, telling how he managed the Seminars. One answer to that question would be to quote certain relevant sections in different chapters. Would you, for example, be inclined to quote a point such as

"difficulties which beset such a work had to be overcome...." or when a speaker was talking over their heads".... or "he believed in the theology of the hymn book more than that of the catechism".... or "meetings planned long in advance".

It is fine that you elicited Cairns' statements. These will help. I expect usable contributions too from Charles Paterson from Calcutta, William Miller, and others who were influenced by George.

You will be glad to know that William Hutchins has agreed to prepare the chapter on the period in the YMCA when George directed the series of Spiritual Emphasis Conferences. Studer, Dix and others will help him. He writes:

"Your two pamphlets (i.e. Conference Reports) bring back the story.... Can you get me all the other reports? I have been fascinated as I have re-read this material and recall the almost terrific interest George took in the problems which the Conferences sought to take... I agree at once to write the

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chapter, if you will send me such further material...."

He adds that the long trip to the coast and Rocky Mountain States throughout November and December makes February 1st his first possible date for completed material.

The February 1st date, suggested by Hutchins, we should I suppose accept as the deadline. I had hoped this might be not later than January 1st.

One question came to my mind as I read your first two pages. Would it not be well to include some reference to the preparations on the part of George as well as the preparations and plans in the Church? You will recall the series of Conferences and the use of various Church leaders to stabilize the YMCA religious work. The pamphlet "Experiences in Witnessing for Christ" was brought out in one or two editions during this period. Some of the methods of the Church Conferences he tried out then, I think.

MacLeod has sent a draft of his chapter which Christina Irving now has. I shall spend another evening with her soon.

Always sincerely yours,



David R. Porter

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February 16, 1945

Address Reply to  
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I am sending to you for your information and possible revision the enclosed chapter proposed for the book. Dr. Hutchins is anxious to have suggestions for improvement, especially on points like these:

"Do I reasonably cover the period 1929-1935?

Do I omit any essential facts?

Is the material too heavy and colorless? Do I use too many quotations? Those which I have used have seemed to me relevant. The quotations from George's addresses seem to me relevant and so characteristic as to be almost essential.

I have felt that the material, somewhat condensed, of the two parts of the Report of the Commission on Message and Purpose, "belong", as they are of the very essence of Irving's convictions. Do you agree?

Would you like me to reconstruct the whole thing, to omit or include material, to change the tone of anything? You will find me teachable. This is the sort of thing I have never attempted."

I hope this finds you quite yourself again. Countless friends have thought of you sympathetically and prayerfully in recent months.

I had hoped we could get the material for this book in shape by February 1st. That has not been possible, so I now

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aim toward March 1st. We must try to have it available for the summer conferences and schools.

Sincerely yours,

*David P →*

David R. Porter

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March 21, 1945

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Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Your letter reached me promptly together with the revised copy of your chapter. We have copied it carefully, keeping the original here. You will note in the margin a few points of either question or proposed revision. These are all very minor points.

I have had the chance to see Will Hutchins in New York; he accepts your suggestions readily and will have a considerably revised copy shortly. MacLeod's chapter is good although it doesn't wholly please Christina, and I must spend an afternoon with her soon in order to revise it. Nearly all the material is now at hand. One very important contribution - that from Charles Paterson of Calcutta is on the way - airmail but delayed. I have a cable from him regarding it. I am planning to use the statements by Prof. Piper and David Cairns and also a few other noteworthy comments, e.g. a brief but very good one from Edward Woods, now Bishop of Litchfield; also from certain Canadian friends.

Mrs. Porter and I went back to Hermon for the Sunday before Christmas. There had been few faculty changes since I left. I was much pleased with the spirit of the School and the way Howard Rubendall has made a very good beginning. *I am glad to see that you are expected there next month.*

I hope you are now quite yourself again. Please share my best wishes with Mrs. Speer.

Sincerely yours,

*Dave*

David R. Porter

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30 March 1945

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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert,

Thanks for your letter of 24 March and the enclosure of your revised article. I now have Paterson's article from Calcutta. I hope we can push forward vigorously now with publication. I have conferred about publication with both the Westminster and Association presses. The former does not feel inclined to undertake it. As most of George's years were in the YMCA, it may be as well to have Association Press publish it. Please let me know if you have any convictions in this matter.

I am planning to use the Piper statement. The contents now look something like the enclosed. I shall be glad to have any suggestions.

Always sincerely yours,

Dave.

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September 12, 1945

Address Reply to  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville  
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Dear Robert:

I am sending you herewith the galley-proof of the book about George Irving and his work. I should be very glad indeed if you would care to scan it all. I should especially like to have you comment upon my own sections.

I believe you and Mrs. Irving have had some correspondence concerning one part of your own paper. For a reason similar to the one she mentioned to you, she desires to have the first two paragraphs of Piper's article left out. I assume there will be no difficulty in this, although it may be that you will think one of us should write Piper.

Please give me your approval or revision of the brief word regarding you which, at the suggestion of the publishers, I am inserting with the names of all other contributors in the front of the book.

I am sorry that the printers had some labor troubles and, consequently, there is more delay than I had expected.

We could get the book out for \$1.25 or even for \$1.00 if it were possible either to raise a few hundred dollars subsidy or secure promises from a number to buy a sufficient supply of the books. Have you any suggestions about that? Mrs. Irving thought that there might be a few friends of George and of the Board who might take shares in one of these ways, e.g. Horace Coleman. I have been encouraged by some of my own efforts in this direction. For example, - Dr. Studer will use at least a hundred copies.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Speer,

Sincerely yours,

David Porter

P.S. Though I am in Washington most of the time, the copy

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September 12, 1945

should be sent back to me C/o War Prisoners Aid (YMCA), 347  
Madison Avenue, New York 17, N. Y. I expect to be in New York  
on Monday next.

There is no reference in the book to an annual meeting  
of the Prayer Group of which you and he were members. I should  
be glad if you see any way to make a reference to that in your  
chapter.

Enclosure

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

October 9, 1945

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

I am tardy in acknowledging your letter of September 15 and your prompt return of the galley-proof.

Your letter touched upon two points which have caused me considerable concern. Regarding George's service with the Canadian troops, I had expected to include some fairly full statement. Naturally, I turned to Gerald Birks for this. Birks wrote me at once about the matter and very strongly recommended that this should not be enlarged upon. According to his judgment, it was one of the cases where George did not seem to fit in well either with the individuals involved or with the type of work which was under way. As Birks was in charge of all that work and claimed to represent Canadian opinion, it seemed to me advisable to accept his judgment.

Regarding Hutchins' chapter, I discussed last year with him the point of view you mention. Subsequently he did make at least a score of reductions, especially in the quotations. Even later (i.e. last spring) I met with him in New York to encourage even further reductions. The changes after that were only minor ones. He had become firmly convinced of the merit of his point of view, namely, that within the Y.M.C.A. the remarkable influence of the Commission on Message and Purpose was involved in any description or evaluation of George himself. Further, that George's continuing influence in some quarters may well involve the continuing recognition of this Commission's report. Well, it finally became a matter of acquiescence or leaving out this chapter.

I hope this finds you and Mrs. Speer happy and well. Mrs. Porter and I will continue for another year in helping the returning prisoners of war make their readjustments, especially to the colleges and schools where their studies during internment may merit accreditation. We find many satisfactions in our life and associations in Washington and shall probably continue here for

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at least the first years of my retirement.

I was saddened to see in today's Times of Dr. Cutler's death although we had known of his being removed to the Brattleboro Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

*David R Porter*

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October 22, 1945

Address Reply to  
Room 260 Library of Congress Annex  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear friend Robert:

When I came to go over the page-proof of the book about George I found it possible to delete enough words in my chapter to insert a somewhat ampler reference to George's service with the Canadian troops in World War 1.

I have secured some financial help toward the publication, partly in the form of "assurances to purchase". Because of this it is possible to bring down the price from \$2.00 which the publishers first proposed, to \$1.50. Besides this, it is being arranged that any who buy five copies before November 15, or possibly November 30, may secure the \$1.00 rate. You will note by my letter to Fay that my earnest hope is that he or someone else connected with the Board may give some real help in distributing the volumes.

I hope this finds you and Mrs. Speer well and happy.

Sincerely yours,

*Dave*

David R. Porter

Enclosure

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Porter

October 22, 1945

Rev. E. Fay Campbell  
808 Witherspoon Building  
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Fay:

You may recall our words together last spring concerning the possible help of yourself and your associates in the Board, especially Jim Howard, in the sale of "The Life Work of George Irving". When I first raised this question (my letter of May 22) I hoped for enough assurances to bring the price down to \$1.00, or at least \$1.50. While awaiting a talk with Jim Howard you wrote me "I am sure we can promise to take at least 100 copies". It is not clear to me what price you had in mind at that time. I have, therefore, tended to assume that we could deliver to you 100 copies for which you would pay at least \$100.

Because of the deep interest of a number of George's friends, a slightly different situation now exists. I want to write you about this in complete frankness. After thinking and balking the matter you will write me whether or not the above arrangement should stand or should be revised. If revised, I would hope it would be in such a way as to give the group of us who are sponsoring the total undertaking a somewhat more assured income rather than less. The project is still a considerable venture of faith for a few of us.

The selling plan now is as follows: a. \$1.50 will be charged for the book after publication on November 15 (possibly this date might be extended a week or ten days). b. Pre-publication purchases in lots of five, or a number which is a multiple of five, may be secured at \$1.00 per copy. Association Press feel that they cannot be protected if pre-publication purchases are for resale.

I am not familiar with the details of inter-press relationships but I suppose your publishing department can make post-publication purchases at a discount which will bring the cost to them for books to resell at somewhat less than \$1.00. I prefer to leave the whole matter for your decision.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Porter



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260 Library of Congress Annex, Washington, D.C.

Helping ex-POW secure credit for prison camp studies is an interesting continuation of our program of Books and Education while they were behind the barbed wire. An illustration is the following from the New York Herald Tribune 23 Oct. '45 - D.R.P.

"Princeton P. W. Gets Degree

Princeton, N.J. Oct. 22.-- Nicholas D. Katzenbach, of 276 Nassau Street, Princeton, left Princeton University in his junior year in 1942 to enlist in the Army Air Forces. In February, 1943, a lieutenant and B-25 navigator, his plane was shot down over the Mediterranean and he was picked up by the enemy. Today he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton. For his senior year credits he offered his prison reading, provided by the War Prisoners Aid of the Y.M.C.A. It included, during his fifteen months in a prison camp, 400 books, 134 of them textbooks and one the Bible, which he read through twice."

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

November 9, 1945

Address Reply to  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Robert:

Unless you have some better way please send back the enclosed. I want to send Professor Cairns a copy of The Life Work of George Irving.

You may be interested in the enclosed which is a typical case in my work with ex-prisoners of war and explains why Mrs. Porter and I are staying on here another year. At the end of that year we plan to retire.

Sincerely yours,

*David R. Porter*

David R. Porter *D.*

Enclosures



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Mr. ever-dear <sup>Mr.</sup> Speer - This  
change it because I remember you prefer the "Mr."  
is from Ethelwyn Porter

is from God whom you saw as hardly  
four and who has as yet  
never left you out of her  
life and prayer; but my  
parents have always  
held you and Mrs. Spier  
(though all of us have known  
her less personally, we  
are convinced believers  
in the magnified service  
of His workers, whether  
men or women when  
they enjoy exactly His  
choice of help — meet  
for each) in like esteem.

Thus this early Christmas  
wish and recognition of  
your share in our fami-  
ly's affection so that this  
adds to Thanksgiving,  
bears to you greetings  
as if from all this  
group of Porters of Brazil.

This is Father's 10th  
year in Heaven where  
probably he and your  
dear Elliot are acquaint-  
ed. Mother at 84½ is at  
my youngest sister's <sup>Corn</sup>  
<sup>Middleboro</sup> home for this summer  
enjoying that family of  
descendants and except  
for some troublesome forgetful.



ness of which she writes me her  
self freely, is in fair health  
for that age, after busy life  
Jean and 'husband' blessed  
Frank Graham, with their  
lovely quartet who all  
expect to prepare for future  
work in Brazil have been  
since July 1 on furlough, <sup>be-</sup>  
ing flown to Florida in 42  
hours from minute we  
said goodbye in S.P. airport!

2 months search for  
almost any house where  
to live during the remain-  
ing 10 has thro' brother with  
whom mother had been  
during last 2 years, located  
one in Pasadena, Calif. where  
presumably our mother  
will spend the winter. Violet



their eldest 20 and graduate  
Brazil's own first year "col-  
lege" course in addition to  
religious workers' training out  
at JMC, has just now, after  
discouraging search, rec'd  
notice of the only vacancy  
and will enter up per year  
of Grove City College, as USA  
college standard is still 2 yrs above Brazil  
long ago you told me  
the story of Blind Chang of  
China so similar in many  
points to our ex-padre J. M. da  
Conceição! now of course you  
know of priest-writer Rohde  
and his acceptance of evangeli-  
cal Christianity. <sup>& this stay at Prince's</sup> We at Mac-  
enzie (with Dr. Mackay) have re-  
sided 10 days celebration 75th anni-  
versary! Last Sunday I proudly  
and humbly stood with others who  
had taken R.R. as I, back to Campina  
to lay the new Summary Old's corner  
stone. Dear Father, mine & so many more

to school of you whom we love & thank for  
all the good things you have done for us  
and for our country. Please. E. the bishop's letter

Price, P. Frank

Florence, S. C.,  
October 1, 1946.

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Robert:

There is a statement beginning, "The supreme and controlling aim of foreign missions is to make Christ known, etc." which I have quoted in missionary addresses but now wishing to use in a published article, I want to be sure of the exact wording. I have always in my mind attributed this fine statement to you as the author.

I am sure you have it in mind and if you will send it to me I will be greatly obliged.

Phil and Octavia told us of their happy visit with you and Mrs. Speer.

With frequent and grateful remembrance.

Affectionately yours,

P. Frank Price

Price, P. Frank

Florence, S. C.,  
Oct. 29, 1946.

Dear Robert:

Thank you for your kind letter and the wording of that admirable definition of the aim of foreign missions. I am thankful for it. I wish I had had it many years ago and want to pass<sup>d</sup> on. I rejoice that<sup>^</sup> your bow abides in strength.

Ever affectionately yours,

P. F. D.



P. FRANK PRICE  
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Address reply, if any to



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Price P. Frank

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FLORENCE, S. C.

Wishing you  
A Beautiful Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year

As

m DEC 25 1946

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Dear Robert -

our mutual friend,  
Loey L. Little passed away peacefully  
at his home in Greensboro, N.C., on  
the night of Dec 16. He had been in ~~come~~  
for about a year. He had both served in  
activity - suffered much & long. The  
thorn in the flesh was not he able to preach  
when he so longed to <sup>do</sup> but his testimony  
was borne to the utmost. I was at  
8 both part in the funeral in G.boro on  
Dec 18, making a prayer which the fam-  
ily has requested me to write out.

Loey said to his wife, well I want  
a rare woman, before he lapsed into  
unconsciousness, that he desired you &  
me to ~~be~~ be those who wd with con-  
cerning <sup>after his death</sup> ~~the~~ family are propos-  
ing to issue a memorial volume  
for the penance services, etc. & that will  
make the prayer.

Now if you feel inclined, as I am  
sure you will, & will write a line  
even briefly, to Mrs Little -

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Mrs. L. L. Little  
of Mrs. A. W. McAllister 1534  
700 Country Club Drive  
Greensboro, N.C.

She & the family will I am sure deeply  
appreciate anything you say.

L.L.L. was a rare spirit.

Now two lesser matters - which  
I want your help:

(1) Please suggest to me one or  
two of your books which have proved  
most helpful to young men. I  
want to give one to my grandson,  
Frank ~~the~~ who after service in Mexico  
is entering sophomore class at Yale  
with hopes to be a doctor & ~~see~~ hope,  
a medical missionary -

✓ (2) Please send me (with acct) your  
"Appraisal of an Appraisal" reply  
to Paul Buck to which I am anxious  
to refer for certain facts regarding the  
propositional value of foreign missions  
to use in an article. Thank you so  
much, Dear Robert for these; & the Lord  
bless you even more abundantly. Yrs & Yrs  
Affectionately P. Frank Price



Price, Rebecca

Mar. 24, —

Dear Dr. Speer,

It was very gracious of you to write me regarding my possible relationship to Princeton Theological Seminary. I do appreciate the interest shown in my Uncle Frank's niece.

The Seminary has done me a great honor in considering me for the position but, as I have written, Dr. Machay, I do feel that my place of service

lies elsewhere. Hence, I am  
returning to Wheaton College and  
my work there. The decision was  
made after earnest thought and  
prayer and I know it is of God.  
Thank you for your friendly  
interest.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Price

The Biblical Seminary  
March 24th

Proctor, George H.

Stirling City, Calif.  
Sept. 21, 1945.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer,  
Princeton, N.J.

Dear Dr. Zwemer:-

In the "New Century Leader", for July, 1945, you quote lines credited to "White-head", on the Second Day of Creation.

*Whitehead*

If I mistake not, you quoted these lines some years ago, perhaps in another article in the same publication. On that occasion my interest in the lines led to inquiries of librarians for what I imagined were the further lines of the context. I secured a matter of exactly nothing, even from the California State Librarian.

My interest being again aroused, I now make bold to inquire directly of you, regarding the larger poem, if there be one. Can you direct me to the completer composition, or give me the complete poem?

I shall be most grateful if you can do so. If there be more, like the sample regarding the Second Day of Creation, it surely is something worth closer acquaintance.

Thanking you for your response to this inquiry, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

*George H. Proctor.*

(Rev.) GEORGE H. PROCTOR



*Pugh, William Barrow*

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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REV. WILLIAM BARROW PUGH, D.D., LL.D., STATED CLERK

October 19, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

I have your letter of October 16th, and I can well understand your feelings so far as the Presidency of the Board is concerned. However, I am not so sure that the Committee will be willing to accept your viewpoint. You know how hard-hearted some of the members are when it comes to any question of your resigning as President of the Board. The very fact that your name stands at the head of the list of members is such a valuable asset to the Seminary that I know there are many members who are loath even to consider the possibility of your resignation. However, I shall keep you informed about the deliberations of the Committee.

Most cordially yours,

*Bill*  
William Barrow Pugh  
Stated Clerk

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Reed, Mrs. Albert A.

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2336 Ash Street  
Denver 7, Colorado

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To

Mr & Mrs Spear-

Dear Friends: -

Feeling sure that -  
the enclosed will be of interest  
to you, I am sending it - with  
the hope that the New Year may  
be a Happy one -

We are sending out  
1500 of them to all who attended  
last year and many others -

We crave your interest and  
your prayer -

Yours - Mrs Albert A. Reed

Rhodes, E. E.

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THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
NEWARK, N. J.

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EDWARD E. RHODES  
VICE PRESIDENT

June 9, 1944

My dear Robert:

At Christmastime Clara and I received a copy of your book, "Five Minutes a Day", with your inscription therein, and ever since I have been meaning to write to you. Because of repeated absences from home on business matters and because of the incessant struggle to keep up with things when I have been home, none of which offer a sufficient excuse, I have been delayed in making this acknowledgment. May I say that we have found the book very helpful.

If you have not seen it, you may be interested in a leaflet which very strongly condemns the Board of Pensions and I enclose a copy of it. The statements do not impress me as having been actuated by motives which are entirely sincere. It seems to me to have been written by a man with a "grouch." I do not know how widely Dr. Gross' statement has been disseminated but I am sorry to know that it has been broadcast at all. While I do not think the affairs of the Board of Pensions have been conducted upon the soundest lines, it does not seem to me that Dr. Gross is pursuing the right course. There are ways of disagreeing without being rabid.

With warmest regards, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely

E. E. Rhodes

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut



THE PRESBYTERIAN PENSION TRAGEDY  
by John H. Gross  
May 1944

Selected Facts

Pension provisions have been drastically reduced, while at the same time pension dues requirements have been increased.

Sustentation annuities have been lowered, in spite of the fact that the Board had previously announced that the Sustentation Department had been taken care of in a financing way for all time. Men of the Church believe, and rightly so, that if the Board can deprive them of a part of their annuity in one year, ways may be found to justify further cuts.

Relief annuitants were for a time deprived of a part of even their pitifully low stipends. These fine men and women were thus filled with fear and apprehension as to the future. This wrong was righted only under pressure from the Church.

Members of the Pension and Sustentation Plans, who because of financial stringency find it necessary to delay payment of dues, are charged interest at the rate of 6 per cent a year. In contrast, ministers who leave money to accumulate with the Board looking toward an annuity, are credited with interest to build up the accumulation fund at the rate of only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent per annum.

Women employees have been given such treatment that two employment agencies in Philadelphia were reported as desiring to send no more girls to work for the Board. On the authority of a former officer, around eighty changes were made in a force of possibly one hundred during the first three years of the present administration.

The money of the Church (Other People's Money) has been used extravagantly and wastefully. Salaries have been paid for which services were not accepted, and administrative expenses were increased tremendously when they should have been substantially reduced in the face of lessened receipts.

Servants of the Board, both employees and officers, under attack from the General Secretary and his close associates, have been refused any hearing whatever either by the Board or by a disinterested committee of Board members.

Persons outside the organization have been dealt with in such ways as to injure the good name of the Church.

Members of the Board, in certain instances, seem to have found it definitely profitable, even in financial ways, to serve as directors without fee.

Professional service in major matters, and involving very large outlays of money, has been chosen on the basis of association and political advantage to members of the controlling group rather than on the ground of comparative accomplishments.

Essential information has been withheld from the General Assembly and from the members of the Pension and Sustentation Plans, and in addition, misrepresentations have been made at times as to the status of the Board.



### A Significant Consideration

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to point to any single instance in which the present management of the Board has ever voluntarily righted a wrong.

### Background Material

It was in 1936 that Dr. Reid S. Dickson was chosen Secretary of the Board of Pensions, although his tenure of office began technically only after retirement of the former General Secretary. Mr. A. H. Burnett, who was not a member of the Presbyterian Church, was elected Treasurer of the Board in February, 1936.

The character of the new administrative leadership soon became apparent. The atmosphere of the offices was charged with apprehension and a sense of insecurity. Conditions were oppressive. Attitudes of senior officers were tyrannical. Working conditions were indefensible.

On occasion, leaders of the Board were approached in the hope that they would inform themselves of conditions and act toward their correction. But all pleas fell upon deaf ears. It would be impossible for the members of the Board to escape responsibility for the continuing grave injustices.

The Dickson-Burnett combination was permitted to go its way for upwards of four years before even the first authoritative action was taken looking toward an improvement in conditions. Then as a result of outside pressure, Mr. Burnett was permitted to resign, but Dr. Dickson, who had influential friends and apologists, continued his official leadership.

Mr. Harold C. Stott, of Philadelphia, was chosen to succeed Mr. Burnett in the Treasurership. He resigned his office early in 1943 to accept a position in the business world. His election to membership on the Board, effective as of April 1, 1943, was not approved by the General Assembly.

It has been announced recently that Dr. Dickson has been superseded as General Secretary, although he is still actively associated with the organization and continues in the administrative and policy-making group. He is now "Assistant to the President", who is not a salaried officer and has no administrative duties.

### Investigations

The General Council of the Church chose an investigating committee from its own membership following the Cleveland Assembly in 1939. That committee included among its members long time friends of officers and members of the Board of Pensions. The judgements of this Committee were not revealed, but some results have been observed.

An "examining" committee was authorized by the Rochester Assembly in 1940. This committee reported in a year and served a second year. A voluminous report was presented the first year, one feature of which was a recommendation that the chief executive position with the Board should be given to a layman,-- preferably an insurance man. This is just another indication of the notion that once a man has accepted ordination, he becomes inferior in mental power and in practical capacity. The second year the committee presented to the Assembly a majority and a minority report.



A third investigating committee, authorized by the General Assembly last year at Detroit, has brought in no report as yet.

The Board has been able to perpetuate its management and policies for a number of years now - at least seven - by reason of uncertainties and delays and investigations without decisive action. Meanwhile, an atmosphere of unrest and dissatisfaction continues throughout the Church.

#### Human Relationships

Miss F. Josephine Frame, a devoted member of the Church, had served the Board 26 years. She is highly regarded. Her integrity was without flaw. She was within a few years of pension age. She was compelled to resign as Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Recording Secretary because, to quote her own written words, "It is not humanly possible to longer endure the ungentlemanly and unchristian treatment accorded me." Her resignation was acted upon Thursday. She was compelled to leave her desk Saturday of that same week. She is now in the service of the Presbyterian Ministers Fund for Life Insurance.

Mr. W. J. McMillen had spent 38 years in the service of the Presbyterian Church. He was summarily dismissed on the urgent insistence of Dr. Dickson and Mr. Burnett. He was required to give up his work the next day after being notified that he was to go. He was refused a hearing before disinterested members of the Board, or before the Board. He had been Assistant Treasurer for a number of years. The Board refused to investigate conditions he tried to point out to them. He has a fine position today, doing on a much larger scale work similar to what he did with the Board, but his confidence in the Church is a thing of the past.

Rev. James M. Pratt was possibly the oldest field worker in point of service with the Board. He was honored and loved throughout his territory, which included the Synod of New York. An attempt was made to get rid of him, giving him a year's notice, on the grounds of economy, when he was nearly 60 years of age. Protests from powerful sources held up his dismissal, but he knew that a way was being sought to eliminate him. He was humiliated and bypassed in service assignments. Certain friends believe that his sudden death, which came in the midst of these conditions, was brought about in part by the worry and strain under which he lived.

A member of the Laymen's Committee, who had contributed at least \$60,000 toward the expenses of the \$15,000,000 Pension Fund, found it necessary to secure a mortgage loan from the Board. His treatment by Board representatives in the days of his misfortune was a disgrace to the Church. There are some who know the facts.

A number of splendid women workers could give testimony that the Board has shown a callous indifference to human values, has been responsible for an almost unbelievable wastage of trained human material, and has become a symbol of insecurity to those who had given their lives to its service.



### Investment Facts

The bonds and stocks owned by the Board on July 30, 1938 - the date of the last report which I was permitted to present - would have been worth on March 31, 1944, upwards of \$3,500,000 more than their original cost. This figure takes into account all accumulated gains and losses since the establishment of the Pension Plan in 1927.

Income return on the portfolio of securities would have averaged around 5 per cent during all the years since 1938. The rate of return for last year, and the estimated return for the current year are definitely higher.

The railroad bonds which were held in 1938 were bitterly criticized as sure to involve the Board in heavy loss. Those bonds are now worth upwards of a million dollars more than their cost, and they would be providing income in excess of 5 per cent.

Certain defaulted railroad bonds were sold by the present management for not more than \$500,000. Their quoted values on March 31st last exceeded \$1,400,000. They had been purchased for \$790,000 as representing outstanding value - an opinion which has been more than justified. Their average income has been around 5 per cent per annum during the last six years.

The above investment statements pertain to a fund that would have been unchanged since July 30, 1938, save for calls and maturities. No advantage whatever would have been taken of the opportunities for wise management through changes in the list which these remarkable years since have afforded.

The total income from the above security list, allowing for a reasonable reinvestment of called bonds, would have been last year upwards of \$300,000 more than has probably been received from the same sum as currently invested by the Pension Board.

Whatever ideas may be held as to the makeup of a security list, there is something to say for an investment philosophy which over a period of almost two decades, including the depression which began in 1929 and the recession of 1938, could show such results. Time has handed in its verdict on the practices and policies of that period, to which some of the finest investment minds the world has ever known had contributed.

The Board in recent years has sacrificed securities at prices far below any reasonable value, and without any slightest necessity. In this time of world-wide unsettlement, holdings of corporation stocks have been increased by around 73 per cent. Overpriced corporate bonds have been added to the portfolio in the interest of a theoretical "conservatism". Large scale purchases have been made, for what is called the "security of principal" part of the fund, in bonds which have shown price instability.

The present investment program of the Board has contributed in large measure to the recent invasions of pension and sustentation rights. It has cost participating members millions of dollars in loss of principal, and deprived them to date of income amounting to possibly two million dollars. The picture is not reassuring to the Ministers of the Church.

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COMMITTEE ON GEORGE C. STEBBINS MEMORIAL  
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Dr. GEORGE L. BRANCH

October 30, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:

The enclosed circular speaks for itself. I am sending it to you that you may know that Uncle George's friends are interested in keeping his name and music before the people with whom he lived and worshipped for so many years.

Our hope is to widen the scope of our appeal for help in securing the necessary funds. In fact already we have had ~~gifts from~~ quite a few gifts toward it. Mr. Stebbins often spoke of you and John R. Mott as among his choice friends of the later period of his life.

One of the reasons I have been led to have this memorial for him is because of his lovely self-effacing manner. He for instance invariably spoke of the choice words in his hymns stating that the music meant nothing without the words, but we know the words might not have seen the light of day if he had not given them wings with his lovely music. It is our plan when the bells are installed to open each daily musical with one of his hymns, thus insuring that his name and music will be kept before us in the long years yet to be.

I do not like to burden you, but I know you must be interested in what we are doing. If you think of any way to help the cause we will greatly appreciate it.

With all good wishes and appreciation for your excellent career, I am

Faithfully yours,

Orson O Rice



Richardson, Isabel & R.C.

## THE BIG BEN SILENT MINUTE OBSERVANCE

EVERY EVENING WHEN BIG BEN STRIKES NINE



*Jrs*

"Sterling" Menin Way,  
Farnham, Surrey,  
England.

Dear Dr. Speer

25/11/46.

This is just to wish  
you a blessed Christmas time.

It is a good thing that Christmas does  
come around every year, to cause people to  
think along a special line & not along the  
"usual". There are so many things hammering  
away all around us keeping our minds on  
things temporal, that Christmas almost  
forces people to think of something that is  
not the "usual". Even the very unpleasant  
things, yea even the almost tragic things  
going on <sup>at</sup> the present time must make people  
wonder if they are not happening because  
people do not carry the Christmas Spirit all

### THE DEDICATED MINUTE

derives from a conversation in the mountains round about Jerusalem. The idea was in the mind of a British Officer who was killed in action in December 1917. Before he died he talked over his idea with a brother officer who just before the Day of National Prayer in May 1940 began to spread the Observance.

Millions are now uniting in prayer when the signal calls. The prayer is that the Light of God's presence may be manifest in our midst to fulfil His purposes among men.



through the year -

The reading, quite often, of your continuing to proclaim the Gospel over the country, in your 'retirement' gives us great pleasure, because we thereby know that you are in good health, of body as well as Spirit -

In 1939 we arrived in England just a few days before War was declared - indeed it was the first Sabbath we attended Church after arriving in Leicester that War was announced from the pulpit.

We therefore went on to London & began looking for a place to live, for civilian travel abroad was just about brought to a standstill.

After about six weeks search we found this place & although it is not a bungalow (as we wanted) we like it better every day we live in it.

We miss our dear American friends very much

## THE BIG BEN SILENT MINUTE OBSERVANCE

EVERY EVENING WHEN BIG BEN STRIKES NINE

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### THE DEDICATED MINUTE

When Big Ben Strikes  
Nine Each Evening.

A time for  
Remembrance,  
Thanksgiving  
and  
Resolve.

We do not give up hope of seeing some of them - Just now it does not look very hopeful. We keep in close touch with the work in Western India & frequently hear from different friends there both Indian & missionary. The Christian Communities in and around Miraj seem to be growing apace. Buildings are being enlarged & new Churches in the villages are soon going up one in Malgaon & one in Bhoosa where we started little schools about forty years ago - About half the money is raised for one of the Churches and the other is being paid for by one largely of our medical graduates, who is in

private practice in Miraj & whom the Lord has wonderfully blessed. He is doing much free work for the poor. You may remember him, Dr Othniel Devadatta. (He says the Church will be a memorial to Mary D) Farnham has just had a Christian Commando Campaign. About 23 ministers of different denominations came to Farnham on 4<sup>th</sup> of this month & worked till 13<sup>th</sup>. They worked from 9 am till 10-30 & 11 pm.

First two hours given up to prayer Bible Study every day & then they went out, usually by twos, in different parts of Farnham & district, meeting as many people as possible in factories, offices, farms, Business places of all kinds, schools, Pubs etc. Then in evenings big meetings in the Churches. People had the unusual sight of long queues outside Churches waiting to get in, often there were overflow meetings. Two grand Rally meetings of young people at the Castle. The Bishop of the Diocese was Chairman at some of the Rallies. Ministers of all denominations took part & most of



our acquaintances, where we thought it would make it easier to start family prayers. We have heard that success has followed already in some cases -

This year in the evenings, with our Scripture reading, we are using "Streams in the Desert", (Mr Chas Cowman) - Our little Indian girl likes this & wants to take it to the Hospital where she has just begun her course in Nursing. She is only seventeen but there is such a great need for nurses that the age for entrance has been lowered. The people at the Miraj Medical Centre are asking that she take extra courses after the Regular Nurses Course in order that she may be ready for anything. That is just what our Mary<sup>C</sup> desired - Sometimes Anandi (Joy) thinks, she would like to be an artist! She delights in drawing & painting. The Hospital people have discovered this & she has begun to paint Christmas posters for the wards.

The little lady of Stirling is very popular as a speaker & does a lot of it, but we decline evening meetings in the winter. We speak in all the churches around here including Episcopalian & occasionally go to distant cities for Bible Society & Temperance Mission.

We both send our very best wishes to you & yours. Isabel & R. Richardson

JH

VAN DUSEN RICKERT  
POTTSVILLE, PA.

June 15 '47

Dear Bob:

Your gift of a copy of "The Fellowship of the Spirit" deserved recognition and thanks before this. As it has been on my mind I must attend to it.

To me it is a wonderful study of a vital subject. I recall that years ago the fact that the Holy Spirit is a person was minimized by the use of "it" by many.

It would be a boon to all if the subjects of the studies were put in an index. The subjects are helpful in themselves. An index would increase their value.

When you were here you asked about Ray Purdy and Norman Ochwat. It did not occur to me to say that Norman and Van Dusen married sisters, daughters of Mrs Luther D. Bradley.

I have not seen any New Life Movement literature. I am hoping that much stress may be laid on two items of great moment as experienced by my 36 years as an Elder, namely, (1) that Sessions govern according to the Form of Government, the pastor and elders ruling together. Your '32 The Only Good Leadership" covers it, the use by a pastor of Elders individually, without committees, perverts it. (2) That Presbyteries examine The Minutes of Church Sessions to see that the Form of Government is upheld.



VAN DUSEN RICKERT

POTTSVILLE, PA.

Such examination, properly made, would disclose whether the Session deliberate, or merely approve suggestions of the Pastors.

I suspect that more hangs on these things than is understood by Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

The Session is the vital body in a successful New Life Movement.

With every appreciation of you and every good wish for your continued useful life to so many of us

I am  
Yours faithfully  
van

n.d.

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VAN DUSEN RICKERT  
POTTSVILLE, PA.

Dear Bob:

Whenever I meet one who heard you I meet smiles and the assertion that the speaker had precious thoughts from you.

The subjects you used, the simplicity of expression and natural way in which you wove the words into so much of your discourse drew comment from all.

Further, I realized that in your fourth sermon I heard the perfection of oratory. I was wiping my eyes constantly.

You were in no conscious sense  
appealing to the emotion, were not  
leading us up to a breaking point.  
No, the perfection of your oratory  
was in its simple vividness of  
expression, the absolute certainty  
of your conviction of the truth of  
your statements.

I am not sure that I am ex-  
pressing well what I mean. I  
have heard many orators - Wilson  
was tops in a logical way, and  
others who built their words to  
influence one's emotions. Well,  
may I be permitted you to use  
your great heart and knowledge  
and talents and voice to his  
honor and glory for a long time,



VAN DUSEN RICKERT  
POTTSVILLE, PA.

And then may you be permitted  
to write more of your experiences.

Twenty-one united with the Church  
And the attendance Paken Sunday  
and to-day was satisfactory  
about fifty percent of the resi-  
dent membership.

Your advice to read the  
Form of Government, and the  
Bible and let God guide, or  
words to that effect has been  
in my mind - the best of  
advice.

My first conclusion is that all elders and all ministers should refresh their minds from time to time on their ordination vows and be scrupulous in their efforts to live up to those vows.

Certainly neither the Church Manual nor Dr. McAfee's *Practical Elder* make plain the true relationship of Minister and Session in relation to Church government. I suspect that few Presbyterian ministers conduct their sessions as to the form of worship, which

VAN DUSEN RICKERT

POTTSVILLE, PA.

I understand is more and more like that of the Episcopal Church. Certainly its form does not take the place of worship that is not a fault but there is a serious danger that what is considered beautiful may falsely be given a spiritual value.

My personal obligation to you is great. You came here when I needed you - well I am sure that is a permanent contribution - And you helped me examine



myself more coldly. I found  
nothing of which to be proud  
or about which to pity myself.

That a case of carry on;  
"Get go and let God."

May God bless you and  
those dear to you. He has  
honored you greatly in  
which an untold number  
rejoice.

Yours gratefully  
Ken

To  
Dr. Robert E. Spear  
Hartsville, Conn

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*Riddle, Henry A.*

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## The Western Theological Seminary

731 Ridge Avenue

Pittsburgh 12, Pa.

July 1, 1947

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

It is always a joy to be with you, and I was especially glad for your presence and your messages last week. You were a mighty help to all of us toward being better ministers of Jesus Christ.

I only wish that our students could hear you some time during the winter.

I trust you will have a good summer and that I may see you again before too long.

Ever faithfully yours,

*Henry A. Riddle*

Henry A. Riddle

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Riggs, James F.

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OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE  
REV. JAMES F. RIGGS

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Sept 5 <sup>th</sup> 1946

Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Pastor Speer

As the 10<sup>th</sup> is your  
birthday - unless I am mistaken - this  
line of greetings, and best wishes, is  
being sent to you. It must be  
a great "lift" to you to realize  
that thousands remember your  
service to the Church, - and the  
messages you delivered which have



helped and inspired them.

Under separate cover I am sending to you the (1946-47) Plan Book. This year we have this book in two separate editions; - for the pastors (with preaching suggestions), and for Laymen (without these notes). The book has been increasing in influence and is helping pastors and laymen to function more fully in the Kingdom enterprise. We have printed more copies each year; but cannot (even so) keep up with the demands. Other denominations have used the book in large quantities.

May every blessing attend you.

Sincerely, James T. Riggs

Robb, E.E.

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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1511 CARNEGIE AVENUE

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December 18, 1946

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer:

The Minister and Elders of the Central Presbyterian Church of McKeesport, desire to express to you our very deep and sincere appreciation of your preaching mission in our church and community.

For a long time we looked forward to your coming, and now for a long time our people will remember you and your helpful messages.

Many of our young people have spoken their appreciation of your talk at the chapel service of the High School on "Stewardship". Several times they have referred to it in their Christian Endeavor services.

Thank you for coming to us, and our prayers will go with you as you go to other parts of the church with the message of the risen Lord and the living Christ. May God bless you always.

Yours very sincerely,

E.E. Robb

P. L. Mc Cormick  
Bruce K. Farnett

Homer O. Keitz

Erwin C. Busch

James A. Duncan

William H. Paul

William A. Hacker

Byron I. Chaplin

Harry W. White

F. J. Ueigle  
Joshua Mc Kenzie Jr  
J. E. Thomas  
Forster Beatty  
G. H. Van Duzee  
Geo. W. Barrer  
Melton B. Holstine  
Charles H. Starr

Roberts, Margaret W.

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934 Plum St-

Benatchee, Wn.

Aug 6. '44

My dear Dr. Spear:-

While in Seattle last  
Fall, met and learned  
you. I learned you are  
to pass another milestone  
in life, so take this  
opportunity of sending  
you a q. Eting fruit &  
good wishes.

If you do not already  
know, I think it will  
interest you to learn that  
Richard H. Haines is now  
working in Huntington St-



U. M. C. A. of Boston. and is  
holding the Christmas social  
at home. Dorothy.

Lillian was able to make  
her annual trip to her  
old home in South  
Carolina. Gait. Taking 3 of  
her young children  
with her.

May the Lord direct  
yourings to yours to  
the end of your journey.  
And thank you for the  
message of love & faith.

Sincerely yours

Margaret Lillian  
Dorothy.

BIRTHDAY  
*Greetings*



*William Roberts*

"The gift of God is eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord."  
Rom. 6:23.



May the Giver of gifts  
On this ~ your day,  
Grant you these blessings  
To take on your way ~  
Many a happy task,  
Many a friend,  
Many glad years,  
And ~ love ~ to the end!

Sincere Greetings

Margaret Williams Roberts



Roberts, Stacy L.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
MIFFLINBURG, PENNA.

ALBERT HOWARD HOPPER, PASTOR  
STACY L. ROBERTS, INTERIM PASTOR  
321 MARKET STREET

April 3rd 1945.

Dear Mr. Szeer:

One of our Pyongyang mission-  
aries, Harry J. Hill, heard you give a most  
helpful address at Montreal last sum-  
mer, on The Second Coming of Christ.

In a letter to me he said he wishes that  
he knew what book on the Book of Reve-  
lation you considered the most satisfac-  
tory. I too would be interested in knowing,  
hence I am writing to inquire. Quite likely  
no one book is entirely satisfactory in every  
way, however, we would be grateful if you could  
mention a couple of the best.

I hope you have entirely recovered from your  
hospital experience.

Mrs. Roberts joins me in sending our  
kindest regards.

Sincerely yours  
Stacy L. Roberts.

P.S. I have tried hard to get a copy of your  
book "The Marks of a Man" to give to our  
youngest son. The only copy I get is "out of print".  
Have you any suggestions as to where I might try?  
S.L.R.

Robertson, D.N.?

The manse  
Rigg by Carlisle  
Scotland  
June 14 1946.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Mrs Robertson and I sailed from New York on May 13, and after one or two visits to relatives in Winchester & Dorsetmouth and about a week in London, we reached our present abode about two weeks ago. As the date of our sailing approached Mrs Robertson and I both felt the severance of American ties as really more harrowing than we could have anticipated. But they are not "severed"! I trust they may remain warm and close.

My immediate object in writing you is to enquire Mrs Parbon's address. The Saturday before I left New York I attended the Hymn Society Spring meeting and then the Society delegated me (with Mrs Robertson) to represent them



P.S. I realize there is hardly time for an ordinary letter so am sending an  
air letter, also.

at the annual conference of the British  
Hymn Society to be held at Bristol  
July 9 to 13. So we shall be in  
Bristol then and it seemed seem a  
good opportunity to visit the Darbans

Before we left New York, the friends  
in the First Church most kindly  
arranged a little tea for us - on Apr 28.  
It afforded an opportunity to say goodbye.  
Dr. Holdenhaues & Dr. Moody were there  
& their wives poured tea. Dr. Holdenhaues  
made some most kind and generous  
remarks & passed to us a sterling  
silver rose bowl inscribed To Mr &  
Mrs David Noble Robertson from their  
loving friends in the First Pres. Ch.

It was a most gracious & kindly  
action.

I trust you & Mrs Speer are well.  
We are finding the Scottish  
climate a bit chilly, but it is a  
lovely scene. Here we are not  
far from Ecclefechan (Carlyle) & Dumfries  
With kindest regards Yours very sincerely  
Dr Robertson



Robins, Raymond

CHINSEGUT HILL SANCTUARY  
HERNANDO COUNTY  
BROOKSVILLE  
FLORIDA

May 22, 1945

Dear Friend Robert E. Speer:

I am just recovering from an illness that has lasted from the death of my wife, until a week or so ago.

Your letter of sympathy and appreciation is among those I prize most that came my way after the death of my wife.

I am inclosing some of the tributes of appreciation of Margaret Dreier Robins.

Your Christian leadership has quickened the hearts of more students in the colleges and universities of our country than possibly any other Christian leader.

With abiding regards and every good wish to you and yours

Sincerely and cordially yours,

*Raymond Robins*

Raymond Robins

Mr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

RR/r



October 25, 1945

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville,  
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have just received word from my office at Winona Lake that they are holding there a package containing a book for me, with your label on the package.

I do want to thank you for sending this to me, and I am sure I can get some really useful material from it.

We are over here in a week's meeting with Dr. Ted Williams, of the First Baptist Church in Richmond.

A letter from Dr. Sweets today expresses satisfaction with the united effort of the Presbyterians in Louisville. I was sorry that other matters crowded in upon me so that I could not remain throughout the meeting, but Dr. Sweets said they had a fine time with Foster Jones, and that is very gratifying to me after having suggested him to the committee. He has filled in for me at various times, and always has done a fine piece of work.

It was a great joy to fellowship with you and Mrs. Speer in Louisville, and with this letter go my earnest prayers that you both may continue your labors in His vineyard for many years to come.

Your sincere friend,

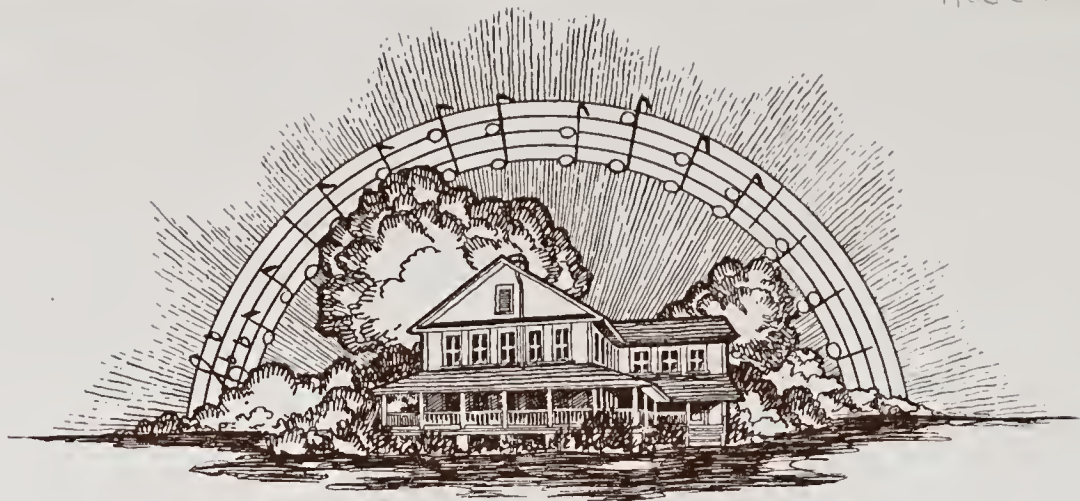
*Homer Rodeheaver*  
Homer Rodeheaver

*I will take good care of  
the book and return to you.  
Please accept and extend  
to Mrs. Speer my sincere  
appreciation and good wishes.*

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA

*Rody*

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Feb 15 1946?

## RAINBOW RANCH

Palatka, Florida

Dear Mr. Speer, Thank you again  
for the book. I regret very  
much the delay in returning  
to you. Mr. Achey has explained  
the reason, but even that is  
not a good excuse for me.

It was such a joy to be with  
you in the meeting in Louisville.  
I wish I could have more  
opportunities like that.

My sincere good wishes to  
you and Mrs. Speer.

Homer Rodeheaver





Rondthaler, Howard E.

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NORTH CAROLINA

HOWARD E. RONDTHALER  
PRESIDENT

July 11,  
1944

Mr. Robert Speer  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Speer:

At the request of my son, Theodore Rondthaler, Clemmons, North Carolina, a teacher and principal of a Consolidated School, I am writing to ask you for information concerning the Mt. Hermon School, which interests his son as a possible place to receive such instruction as will finally prepare him for college entrance.

Of course, I remember Mt. Hermon School in its earlier days through the Northfield associations and I am writing to ask whether the school maintains adequate academic standards, whether its faculty is entirely composed of veteran survivors or has an admixture of younger men and in general, what the academic and spiritual appraisement of the school is in these present and difficult days.

I realize that this is a large order to impose upon you suddenly, but of course, it will be confidential and also I hope you will not consider it necessary to give an exceeding elaborate analysis.

Brought up as we are in the Moravian traditions we desire reasonable care in the further schooling of this grandson and we are fully aware that in less than two years he will probably be in military service.

Your guidance will be both a matter of great value to us and also a sincere experience in co-operation.

I still remember the thrilling inspiration of entering the place of worship at Northfield, I think in the year 1892 when I was a junior at the University of North Carolina, and had the great good fortune to reach Northfield for the first time in my life one mid-afternoon just at the moment when Dwight Moody was laying his hands of blessing upon two young men who, as I remember, were kneeling on the platform and they were Robert Speer and John R. Mott.

Yours very sincerely,

*Howard E. Rondthaler*

Howard E. Rondthaler

HER:BN

GLEN ROWAN  
500 NORTH SHERIDAN ROAD  
LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS

*For*

September 19, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer:

I want to thank you, in  
father's name and mine, for your lovely letter,  
and the cheer and encouragement the kindness  
of such friends brought to a gallant invalid.

Very heartily,

*P. Helace*

*What an especially dear friend you  
have been through many years!*

Rowland, E. Anna

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2010.105<sup>th</sup> St.,  
New York City 25,  
Jan. 12, 1944.

My dear Dr. Dyer:

For sometime I have  
wanted to write you of some-  
thing I think would be inter-  
esting to you, as a lover of  
missions and mission aries.

I am the one who asked  
you on Sunday at West End  
for your address.



I am a member of Fifth  
Ave. Presb. Church, but when  
it is very cold, or not well  
enough to go to my own  
Church. I slip over to West  
End across the street from  
our apt. House.

I am a graduate of the  
Bible Institute of Los Angeles  
class of 1916, which was  
then under Dr. R. A. Tarver;  
a great and rare privilege, to  
be taught of him.

2- after graduation, I ap-  
plied to the Woman's Board of  
our great Presb. Church, in  
Calif. for office work in  
China, having been a secre-  
tary for a number of years.

My application was re-  
jected with the notation that  
I lacked college degree, al-  
though I had stated I had  
the equivalent of a part col-  
lege education.

Being discouraged at

This result of the application,  
felt like giving up all  
thought of the Mission field,  
but a friend urged me to  
apply to Mr. Harburt for  
work in Africa, tho' I pre-  
ferred China. I finally did  
make application to the Africa  
Inland Mission. Again, I was  
rejected for field service,  
but with that word came  
another asking if I would  
consider home service in  
behalf of Africa, and if so,



3 To make application for that  
service. I was glad to  
serve in any capacity that  
I could, and filed applica-  
tion with the Board for  
home service, was ac-  
cepted, and in a few weeks  
was on my way east to  
Brooklyn. I had asked for  
a hidden boat, but my cre-  
dentials were such, that  
I was made secretary to the  
General Secretary, entrusted

with the internal affairs of the  
Home Council, and having  
charge of candidates papers.

Spent six happy years  
in Brooklyn then came one  
of those strange things that  
enter in to break up a  
Mission work and the entire  
personnel was changed.  
It had been for sometime  
this situation developing,  
but nothing seemed able  
to avert it. Trouble between

4- The labors of the work of long  
standing, had to come to a  
head, inevitably. It meant  
heartache for many of us  
who loved the work. That  
terminated my active service,  
but not my interest in  
Africa. I had participated in  
many most remarkable  
answers to prayers of  
faith, in tight situations,  
when finances were low  
coming in. In the absence



of my Chief, due to illness,  
I was often left in charge,  
and with difficult problems  
to be solved. But God's  
grace and strength carried  
me through. My business  
experience had furnished me  
with the necessary judg-  
ment to cope with them,  
often that to use that  
judgment on my own initiative,  
having no recourse to a  
Council or Committee member.

-5- Dr. Torrey wrote once that  
the actions taken at such times,  
would have been his own,  
in similar premises. I  
felt honored, as I knew him  
to be an A. Business exec-  
utive as well as the great  
leader in the spiritual  
realm. But it was God who  
had guided me aright. From  
teen age days, I studied  
philosophy, fascinated by it  
and have always felt that  
that was my human source

of mistom and judgment, for  
I followed the lady through the  
years, then got into psycholo-  
gy, which, with a thirst for  
literature, - all this gained after  
a hard day's work in the office  
gave me further insight into  
things. My eyes had been my  
great handicap in school years,  
impossible to study for long  
at a time, so that my educa-  
tion had to be gained thro'  
a tutor, and my own self-  
help, in later years after. I  
had already begun my  
business career.



Not possessing a personality of compelling nature, was my disadvantage, and had to fight another and still greater handicap, that had caused me great grief.

But God had given me a good mind for which I have ever been thankful to Him. There was, however, no fight with bitterness and resentment over the handicap, but God was patient with me. He is far more patient than I myself was with myself.

The fight still assails at times,  
but I just have to commit  
it once more to Him.

I do believe, however, that  
there is treasure in Heaven  
awaiting me.

One of my greatest thrills  
was arranging all details, from  
bookings down to the bank-  
ing out other details, of a large  
party sailing for Africa.

I shall never forget that  
thrill. My Chief was unable  
to go ahead, but left it all  
with me. It meant lots of  
hard work, but how I loved it all.

7- The name of Dr Robert E. Speer has been dear to me all through the years, lover of the missionaries as he was, and their faithful supporter on the field and at home, and they in turn cordially reciprocated that love, for, in spite of the fact that my own Presb. denomination had "turned me down", I have always felt that my missionary heart belonged to them just the same.

I have been privileged to



work for Africa, China, South  
America, and, in a small way,  
for our North American  
Indians. But my greatest  
joy was the Africa and  
the China fields.

My ministry now, is, by  
my at the throne, largely and  
the distribution of tracts and  
gospel portions, and person-  
al work (verbally and by  
letter) where and when led  
by the Spirit to those who would  
have me seek.

I felt you might be in-  
terested in all this, dear Dr. Beecher,  
for I have felt your warm spirit of

8-greeting when I have met  
you.

One of my keenest regrets  
has been missing you from  
our Church each July thro'  
many summers. I had al-  
ways looked forward to  
that month when we would  
have Dr. Spear with us.  
I noticed they ceased, after  
Dr. Morgan left us. His  
treatment by Fifth Ave. was  
a grief to my heart for I loved  
him as my minister, as I  
also loved Dr. Howard.  
asking for continued

blessing upon your great  
ministry, which has been  
such a help to us all thro'  
many years, and is  
still blessing, and will  
still bless to the end, we  
know, - I am

Respectfully yours.

(Miss) E. Anna Rowland

P.S. - I am asking that this  
data herein be kept con-  
fidentially. Practically no  
one in our Church knows  
this history, and I'm not  
eager to have it known.



*Ruland, Lloyd S.*

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November 27, 1945

My dear Dr. Speer:

On behalf of the Board, and especially of all of the missionaries in attendance at the Group A. Conference, I wish once more to thank you most heartily for your contribution to the program. Your presence at the Conference was a joy and blessing to all of us, and your address was a mountain-top experience for everyone in attendance.

We deeply appreciate your generous help.

Very sincerely yours,



Lloyd S. Ruland

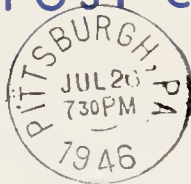
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March 25, 1946

This brief note is sent you with the approval of Dr. Strong. He especially desired you to be included.

I am writing on my return to Tucson, having been with Dr. Strong and Elizabeth these past 24 hours. This afternoon at four o'clock a simple service was held at 1506 Culubra Ave., Colorado Springs. Mrs. Strong passed away on Friday afternoon at five o'clock, and it was her desire that her body be cremated. Dr. Strong very thoughtfully expressed the wish that I be with him and by good fortune the trip was made possible by air. Yesterday we renewed the friendship of past years and Monday afternoon we met as a family, with a few close friends, to renew our faith, as we lovingly remembered Mother Strong. It was truly a memorial service. Her ashes had been placed in a simple, yet exquisite bronze urn, which was surrounded with colorful spring flowers. How naturally Dr. Strong took his place at the piano and played a number of familiar hymns, especially those dear to the family. There were selections of Scripture and the 121st Psalm never seemed more appropriate as we looked out upon the mountains bathed in the light of a setting sun. Some prayers were taken from the Book of Common Worship of the Church of Scotland, and we united in repeating together the words of the Lord's Prayer. I question if ever I have participated in a more meaningful service and am most grateful for the privilege of having a humble part in it.

Dr. Strong continues his same sweetness of spirit, so characteristic of him. He admits that perplexing questions lie ahead, but there is not the slightest indication of defeat.

Elizabeth has been a constant and most valued attendant upon her mother, but has retained the sparkle of her youth and is a tower of strength to her father. Dick and Ann have matured greatly in recent years. It was a joy to have Bob Cowles present.

On Wednesday Dr. Strong and Elizabeth will leave for a brief change and later on Dr. Strong plans to motor East in easy fashion and meet family and friends.

I wish three persons in particular might have been present at the service. Naturally there is Emily and then I thought of Carl Sewell and some way or other the memory of Dion Kennedy kept coming to mind. Both Dr. and Mrs. Strong have been so devoted to Dion.



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Wires and letters have indicated the real and lasting friendships of life and I know you all will hear personally from Dr. Strong. Do keep him in your thoughts and prayers. He is a great soul and has been a stalwart friend to all of us. His love and mine go out to you.

Always sincerely,

*Bob*

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Robert M. Russell

*Do hope Dr. Strong & Dr. Strong can attend  
their reunion at Andover;*

*Bob*

JOSEPH F. RYTER  
AT LARGE  
CONNECTICUT

It would seem to me that what you asked for was a statement from these men of whether they were for or against a loan to Britian, and they both evade it !

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**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

*Ryter, Joseph F.  
and Talbot, Jos E.*

February 21, 1946

Mr. Robert E. Spar  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

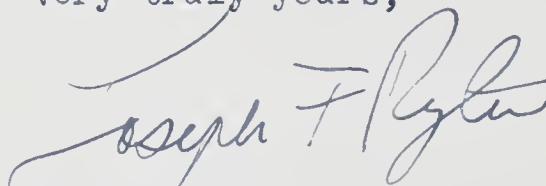
Dear Mr. Spar:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter  
of February 18, 1946.

I am quite sure that you will agree with me that there is much more data not presented and presently unaccountable for study which is vitally necessary in order to reach an intelligent decision on the proposed loan to Great Britain.

There is so much controversy concerning both the purposes and the merits of the proposal that any decision either for or against the measure might be regretted after a thorough and detailed study..

Very truly yours,



Joseph F. Ryter, M. C.

JFR/w



JOSEPH F. RYTER  
AT LARGE  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 13, 1946

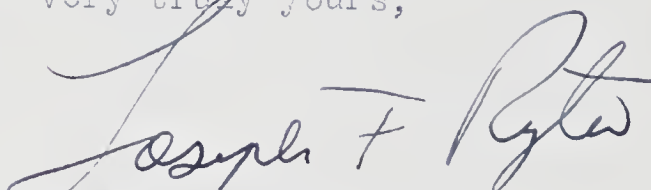
Mr. Robert E. Spar  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Spar:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 7, 1946 expressing your approval of the proposed loan to Great Britain.

I thank you for your expression of views.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph F. Ryter, M. C.

JFR/w

Your reply of Feb 13 to my letter of the 7 is recd. Please permit me to say that even a wholly evasive reply is a sort of thing that brings copies into contact. The question is not my view of the proposed loan to GB but your view on a rep. of the property loan. Do you or do you not favor and intend to support the measure?

JOSEPH E. TALBOT  
FIFTH DISTRICT  
CONNECTICUT

COMMITTEE:  
JUDICIARY

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 12, 1946.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter  
of February 7, urging my support of the proposed  
loan to Great Britain.

I assure you that it is my intention  
to study this proposal and shall give it my full  
consideration.

Thank you for your expression of  
opinion.

Yours very truly,

*Joseph E. Talbot*  
Joseph E. Talbot.

Feb 4

Dear Sir

Your straightforward & unambiguous reply to my letter of Feb 7  
has been received. I think our respondents in your school realize  
that such a reply is courteous. Pardon my frank comments but it  
is rare for someone to know the opinion of the respondents.  
His reaction has been beyond the words for some time. He  
is someone who has reached a conclusion and is ready  
to state it. His comments agree with him in the

Yours truly



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

February 20, 1946.

Mr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Thank you for your letter of February 14.

The problem of the British loan may have come before the people of this nation but it has not come before the Congress of the United States. In fact, the Congress hasn't even started Committee hearings on the measure. If we Members of Congress had made up our minds how we were going to vote on the thing, would there be any sense in having hearings or conducting debate on the floor of the House. Most of the people of America have taken their facts from the daily newspapers and their conclusions from personal reactions. I prefer the tried and tested American method of expert testimony at Committee hearings and open debate on the floor of the House. If you feel that this is wrong I certainly hope that you will let me know.

I would like to tell you also that a bill, when it is amended and presented to a vote is very often altogether different from the same bill which was introduced some time before. Very often even its essential nature has been changed.

I am receiving up to two hundred letters a day from constituents in the Fifth District in Connecticut. Most of these people realize that it is a physical impossibility for me to carry on a long winded correspondence with each and every one of them concerning the merits of every piece of legislation that they discuss. However, I do find time to read every last one of them and the opinions of my constituents constitutes the major influence in the determination of my vote in Congress. I have always tried to operate that way. On all measures however, there are important factors which do not come to the public attention through the newspapers until the time of the Committee hearings. If it were otherwise we could stay in Connecticut and send in our votes by mail.

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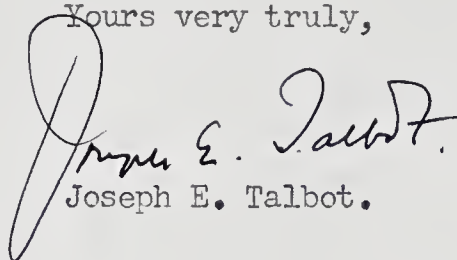
Mr. Robert E. Speer.

February 20, 1946.

I am sure that as an open minded and intelligent American you will realize the logic of this reasoning.

My very best wishes.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Talbot". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joseph E. Talbot.